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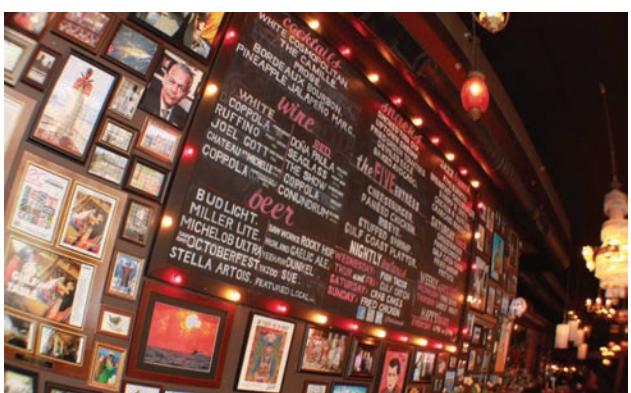
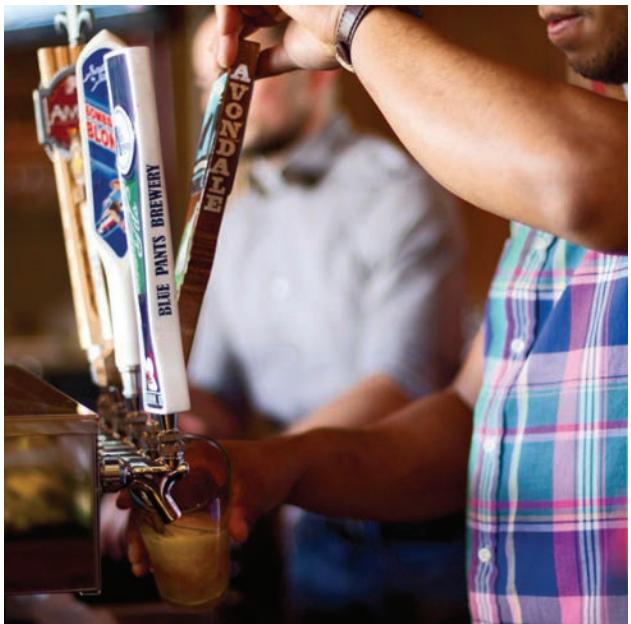
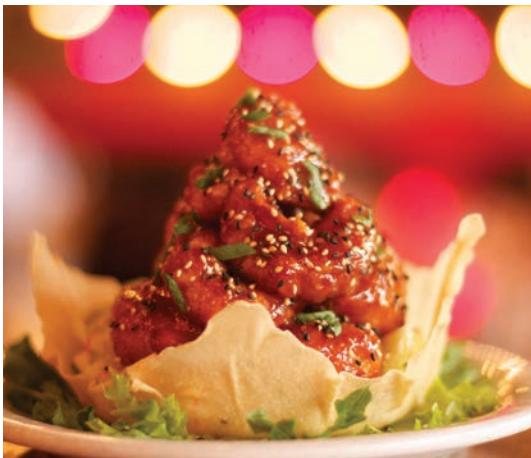
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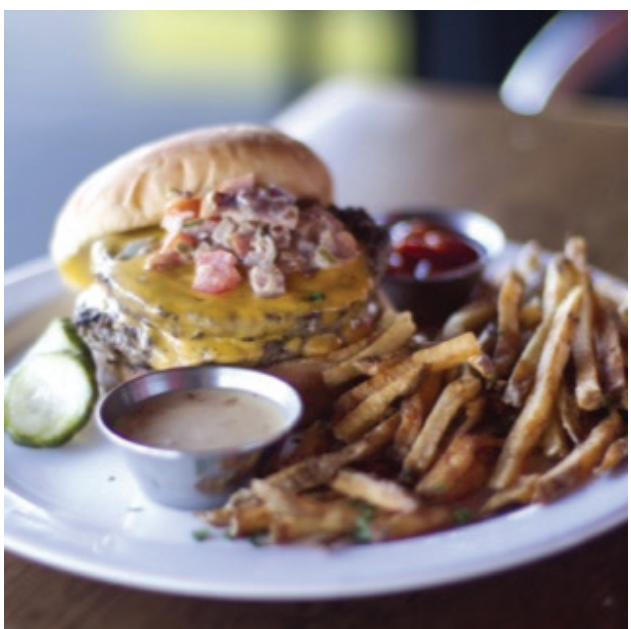
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On Our Cover:



Santa and Mrs. Claus

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Opening Remarks

Christmas with Sharks

We've been watching a lot of *Shark Tank* on CNBC lately. At first, we thought they were current episodes, until one of the people on the program starting talking about "this new Facebook thing that just came out."

that I wouldn't want to be their pals, if they'd ever invite me out for golf or big game hunting or whatever rich people do for fun.

But I sure do like the sharks. They all seem like nice folks, even the bald white guy that sits in the middle and tries to come off like a total butthole. Lori, Mark, Whatshisname and Whatshername are all about maximum return on investment, that's for sure, but I strongly suspect they drop a few coins into the Salvation Army bucket outside Publix at Christmastime, just like us regular people.

Sometimes it's happy news, sometimes it makes me so doggone sad I resort to drinking the cheap hooch.

I never thought I'd like the show. Most of the wealthy businessmen and businesswomen I've ever encountered weren't my kind of people—putting the almighty dollar above all else, spending millions on his and hers matching yachts, drinking some weird stuff called "craft beer." Not

That's why the Very Special Christmas Episode of *Shark Tank* broke my heart. Santa Claus came down all the way from the North Pole to seek \$100,000 from the sharks for a two percent stake in the Workshop. He brought along a sexy female elf in leggings—one leg red, the other green, very Christmassy—to help make his case, to no avail.



Beachcomber Editor Chris Manson takes time out from shoveling free food down his throat to rub elbows with our frequent contributing writer Zandra Wolfgram and Bill Dunavant at the grand opening of the Henderson resort (and restaurant, and bar, and spa, etc.) in Destin.

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This Issue's Contributors

Kay Phelan (Cover). Though her career is marketing and public relations focused, Kay always takes her camera wherever she goes to capture moments for her clients and the media. In fact, she coined the term "PRtography" for her work with the camera.

Zandra Wolfgram ("The Henderson's Artful Opening in Destin") is the former editor of *Emerald Coast* magazine and the brains behind Wordplay, Ink. She snagged *Beachcomber* an invite to the Henderson's grand opening, for which we're eternally grateful.

Nikki Hedrick (Live Music Review) is currently wondering if the flu turns everyone into zombies. She will be playing assistant to 5 Star Event Photography for their upcoming Portraits with Santa event and looks forward to "talking" with Santa to find out if she can bribe her way off the naughty list.

Kellyanne Bartleson (Family-Friendly Events) is the creator of **EmeraldCoastKids.org**, a comprehensive online resource guide for all things kids, teens and families in Walton and Okaloosa counties.

Samantha Brigante Lambert ("Cakemasters – Back and Better Than Ever") was a high school history teacher for 35 years. She always wanted to write and finally found the time after she retired. She is enjoying being back in Fort Walton Beach with her husband Scott and sons Drew and Alex.

Joni Williams ("Wanna Know a Secret?") earned her only science fair ribbon in the seventh grade by feeding nothing but beer to a plant. As a teenager she would often try to get on Santa's good list by leaving him cookies and beer instead of milk.

Steven A. Davies ("Share Joy This Christmas") has served as senior/lead pastor at Destin's Village Baptist Church since 1992. He and wife Beverly—who have been married 34 years (!)—have four children and one grandchild. Davies received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary in Lithonia, Georgia, and enjoys travel, family, running and missions. "I love to be outdoors," he says.

Paula Hilton ("Christmas in Beachcomberland"), a California hippie at heart, was born to act, sing, write and paint. Currently, she's doing none of these.

Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

Bald guy told Santa, "You are absolutely insane, Mr. Ho-ho-ho. You're sales were zero last year. And the year before that. And the year before that. And—"

Mark Cuban interrupted. "You're telling us your valuation is five million, and you haven't made a profit in hundreds of years. You're giving away toys for free. Tell you what. I will buy you out for 500 thousand dollars. I'll subcontract the manufacturing, keep you on as a consultant for a minimum of 10 years at a salary of 200 thousand a year. Lori, you wanna go in on this deal with me?"

Lori Grandmarnier: "I think you need to be a little more selective about who you distribute these free toys to, Santa. Now I've loved you since I was a little girl, but I honestly cannot see how you've stayed in business all these centuries. I'll partner with Mark, but we're going to have to make some serious changes to how you're running your operation."

Santa thought about it for about half a second and graciously told these titans of the business world...

"I'm out. Merry Christmas, sharks!"

- Chris

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS
Plans for the ninth *Beachcomber Music Awards* are underway. We will be accepting qualified nominees for all the categories from this year's event (too many to list, but just search on beachcomberdestin.com). Email your info and all categories you'd like to be considered for to chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

A long nomination ballot with all qualified candidates will appear online later this month, and readers can vote for their top three in each category. And we'll go from there.

Any musicians that would like to play at the event should contact us as well. Awards night scheduled for Monday, **March 6**, venue to be announced later.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
In the last issue of *The Beachcomber*, we mistakenly reported that—in addition to their locations in Destin, Fort Walton Beach and Grayton Beach—AJ's would be opening additional restaurants in Mossy Head, Laurel Hill and Milton. We apologize profanely for our incompetence.

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Santa Rosa Beach



The recent Capes and Crowns Fun Run and 5K raised over \$14,000 for the Tree House Episcopal Montessori School.

Photo submitted by Julie Cumby.

The Tree House Episcopal Montessori School is proud to announce it raised over \$14,000 in its third annual *Capes and Crowns Fun Run and 5K*. The event featured more than 300 costumed runners, walkers and pets with all proceeds benefitting the growth and expansion of the school's educational efforts.

"We are so humbled by the incredible turnout (this year)," says founding director **Maureen Paine**. "This event's continued success gives us the opportunity to broaden our program offerings and help more children cultivate a love of learning within our beloved Montessori environment."

The Capes and Crowns Fun Run and 5K is grateful for the incredible support of its sponsors, who generously contributed time, talent and financial donations to create a one-of-a-kind event that was as fun as it was philanthropic.

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- Julie Cumby

Grayton Beach

It's crystal clear glass artist Mary Hong's future is brighter than ever. The award-winning artist, who owns two studio art galleries in Grayton Beach, was selected as a special category winner of the [PLATFORM] Artist of the Year 2016. The prestigious international art competition, produced by Redwood Media Group and sponsored by Art Brand Studios, selected Hong at the first place winner for mixed media.

"I am beyond thrilled to have recognition on an international and elite level and excited to bring my mixed-media-with-glass art to the world," says Hong.

Hong entered a grouping of five glass art paintings that ranged from a green wine bottle tree still life to a contemporary abstract of foaming emerald green waves to a whimsical torso sporting a red glass bikini.

The judging panel considered originality, sense of composition, creativity, technical skill, use of materials and light, commercial appeal, and overall impact of the artwork.

Referred to as "the *American Idol* of the art industry," this premier awards contest is in search of the next "it" artist and is offering prize values of up to \$65,000, including a contract with Art Brand Studios and exhibition opportunities at Redwood Media Group's shows.

Last month, Hong was featured at Art San Diego and is invited to exhibit in Spectrum Indian Wells 2017 and Artexpo New York 2017. She also will be included in editorial features in the Spectrum Miami 2016 and Artexpo New York 2017 Art Business News Show catalogues.

"We created the [PLATFORM] Artist of the Year contest to empower talented artists and introduce their work to the world," says **Eric Smith**, president and CEO of Redwood Media Group. "This is a great opportunity for emerging as well as established artists to submit their work to a panel of professionals with the chance of winning an opportunity of a lifetime."

A professional artist for 23 years, Hong considers herself "a glass artist who paints" and has participated in group and solo exhibitions in the U.S. and France. She opened the Mary Hong Gallery in Grayton Beach in 2012 and in 2015 added the Shard Shop, where she teaches her technique ShardWorx™

artwork made with glass and resin on canvas. She launched a signature line of art supplies and art kits. She also has produced a series of video tutorials viewable at MaryHongArt.com.

Hong is the proud recipient of the 2014 Artist of the Year award from the South Walton Tourist Development Council.

"To me even if glass is broken, it is still beautiful, and I love how a painting can put it all back together," says Hong. "I slather glass with gold and silver leaf, then mix it with other shattered remains of lamps, dinnerware and lately, an old shower door. I like imagining the stories glass could tell."

As a special category winner Mary Hong has been invited to exhibit her artwork through Dec. 4 during Miami Art Week. On Dec. 8, she will be participating in a group exhibit at Bev's Fine Art in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Locally, her work can be seen throughout the Salamander Spa at the Henderson, a new luxury resort hotel that recently opened in Destin. You can purchase her art at the Grayton Beach studio or at MaryHongStudio.com. Call 850-231-1416 for more info.

- Zandra Wolfgram



Award-winning artist (again!) Mary Hong.

Photo submitted by Zandra Wolfgram.

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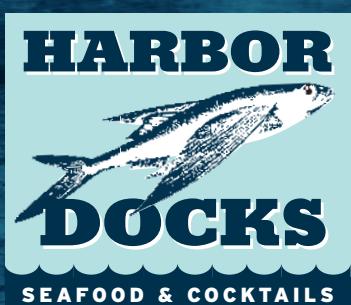
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That’s an excellent question. There is a good chance that the seafood you will be offered traveled farther than you did. In the state of Florida, even though we are surrounded by water, more than 90% of the seafood sold this year will be imported from other countries.

Throughout the United States, the huge majority of seafood is imported. Most of it is mislabeled. Frozen seafood is sold as “fresh” and imported seafood is sold as “local.” According to Oceana, 93% of fish sold as red snapper is actually some other species. 57% of tuna sold at sushi bars throughout the country is not tuna. Most of the tilapia served in this country comes from Viet Nam and Thailand and much of it is farmed in waters with sewage run-off and the source of feed is pig feces.

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Trump's Illegal Voters Lie Is Just a Distraction

By Rex Huppke, Tribune Content Agency

President-elect Donald Trump is a narrative arsonist, a firebug who puts tweets to tinder and ignites flaming controversies that lure our eyes from things he doesn't want us to see.

And it seems our presidential pyromaniac has struck again.

On Sunday, the man who will soon lead this country tweeted a lie—a big, fiery one. It read: "In addition to winning the Electoral College in a landslide, I won the popular vote if you deduct the millions of people who voted illegally."

That statement is based on nothing. Actually, it's based on less than nothing. Its origin is, roughly, this: A nobody Republican with zero credibility or evidence tweeted that 3 million people voted illegally; a conspiracy theory website reported on that tweet, taking it as fact; the president-elect, in need of a distraction, tweeted that information as fact with no citation, not that a citation would have made it any less false.

Let's pause for a moment and consider the staggering level of irresponsibility Trump showed in tweeting that lie. It's akin to: My crazy uncle told me the world is flat; I reported that on my blog; the president of the United States then declared the world flat and banned boats so nobody would sail off the edge of the Earth.

Troublesome, right? Yes, but don't get distracted.

Let's ignore that extremely stupid fire and look at the things Trump the Twitter arsonist was trying to get us to ignore:

1. He won the electoral college (not by a landslide) but lost the popular vote by more than 2 million votes and counting. That's painful for him because he never lets himself believe he has lost anything, and that vote disparity is now being highlighted by state ballot recounts spearheaded, oddly enough, by Green Party candidate Jill Stein.

The man who spent a good part of the presidential campaign claiming the election was rigged is now appalled at

the idea of people checking to make sure it wasn't. The takeaway here is this: Ignore Trump's illegal-voter tweet and remind him at every turn that he lost the popular vote and by no means enters office with a mandate.

2. Evidence continues to mount of global business ties that create conflicts of interest for Trump as president. A sweeping *New York Times* investigation published Sunday found: "Mr. Trump's companies have business operations in at least 20 countries, with a particular focus on the developing world, including outposts in nations like India, Indonesia and Uruguay."

This web of potential conflicts "could create a running source of controversy for Mr. Trump, as well as tensions between his priorities as president and the needs and objectives of his companies." Beyond that, Trump's new hotel in Washington, D.C., is already highlighting itself as a destination for foreign diplomats, and Trump's daughter Ivanka, who helps run the Trump Organization, sat in on several recent meetings with Trump and foreign leaders.

There are also reports that the Secret Service may spend several million dollars a year renting space in Trump Tower, taxpayer money that would go straight into Trump's business.

Add it up and you have conflicts and the potential for self-enrichment out the wazoo. So don't look at the tweets, look at the compounding concerns about this president's ability to use the office for cash generation and brand enhancement.

3. As Trump continues to fill out his Cabinet, concerns abound. Aside from picking as his right-hand man a guy who ran a white nationalist website, Trump has chosen an anti-public-education activist whose family has contributed sizably to anti-LGBT organizations as his secretary of education. And he is, according to various reports, torn between choosing Mitt Romney or Rudy Giuliani for secretary of state. That's a bit like choosing between someone who might be a statesman and someone who might have rabies.

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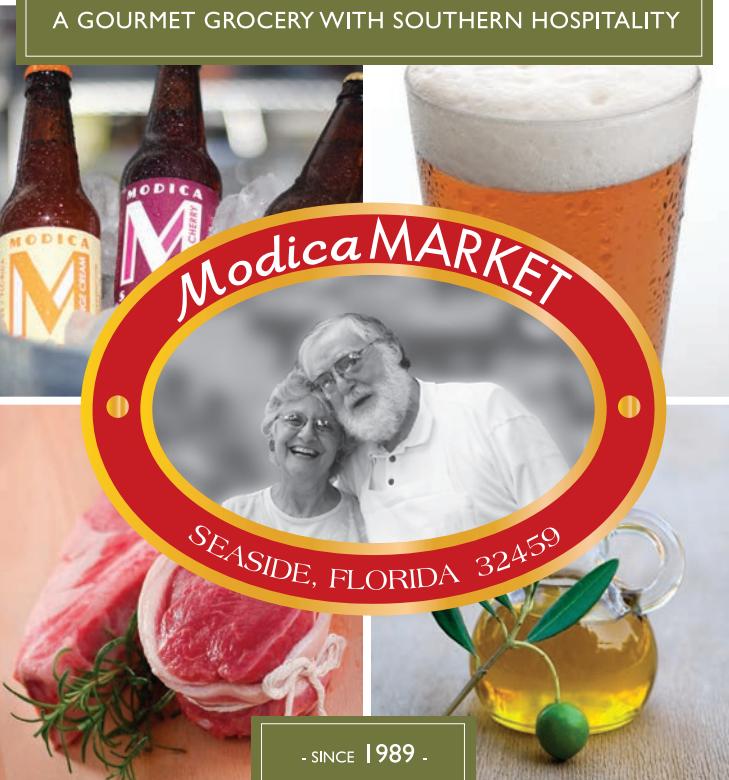
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The Henderson's Artful Opening in Destin

By Zandra Wolfgram

The Henderson, a Salamander Beach Resort & Spa, opened its doors on November 17 as the finest luxury resort hotel built on the Gulf Coast in a generation.

Every aspect of the five-story 170-room beauty has been meticulously planned, and the art that is displayed throughout the property is no different. After a long and rigorous selection process, 13 local artists were chosen to create pieces specifically for the Henderson.

Each piece has been thoughtfully placed in the hotel to add both beauty and ambiance. The result is a stunning coastal hotel with an inspired sense of place.

Center stage as you enter the Living Room lobby is a stunning handcrafted wooden table by artisan **Donnie Galli**, who also hand crafted the retail display counter in the gift shop. The lobby also features sunny landscape scenes of

beach dunes created by 2016 South Walton Artist of the Year **Melody Bogle**. Bogle's illuminating pastel landscape pieces will also be displayed on the walls in the bar.

Walking down the corridor of the dedicated meetings wing, guests can take a journey through Destin's past. More than two dozen moment-in-time black and white photos from **Tony Mennillo's** studio line the walls, providing a peek into Destin's storied past. Large nature-inspired landscape oil paintings by **Barbara Flowers**, **Joanne Walker** and **Melissa Mercer Brown** grace the boardrooms and ballrooms.

When guests visit the Primrose restaurant, they are greeted by a cheery collage of sunny, luscious acrylic painting by **Justin Gaffrey**. And inside the restaurant are still more large works of beautiful primrose flowers scaling the walls. Gaffrey's iconic work akin to rich, frosted layers on a delicious cake will also be present



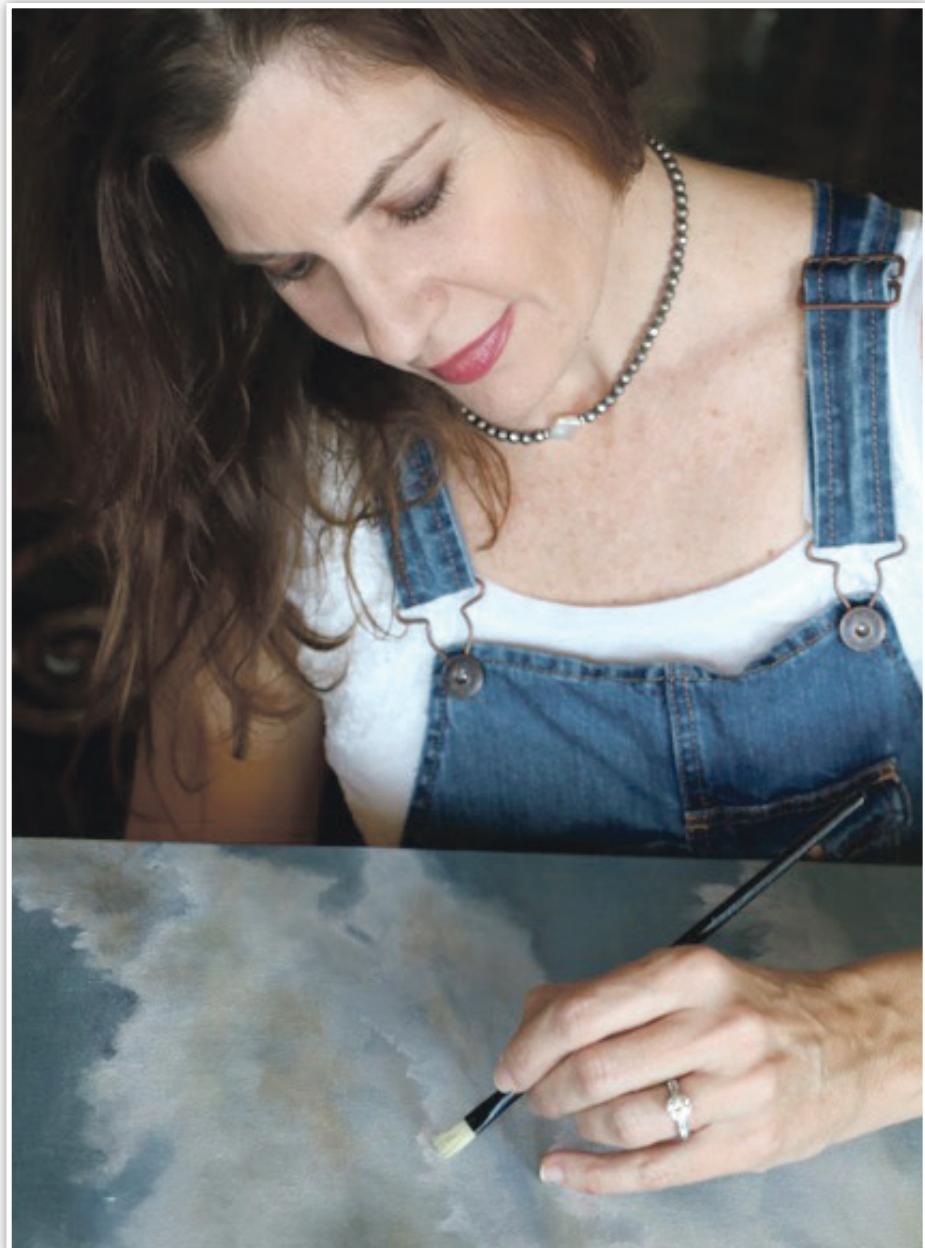
Photography by Jeff Waldorff.

in the private dining room for guests to admire.

With his bright and playful style, **John Maher's** artwork is perfectly placed near Poppy's, the children's recreation area, and the fitness center. No doubt, the spa is a desired destination for relaxation and peace so it was important

to place pieces here that contribute to a calming environment.

Sparkling, iridescent sea-inspired glass mosaic pieces created by master glass painter **Mary Hong** will transport guests to the cooling Emerald waters, while the vibrant and bold large-paneled pieces by **Veila Lala**, placed on



Artist Melissa Brown creates another masterpiece.

curved walls, will illuminate the way to the end of the hall.

Stunning images of local landscapes, flora and fauna captured by nature photographer **Jeff Waldorff** are displayed in the spa as well as within each guest bathroom throughout the hotel.

Standing center stage in the heart of the spa is a stunning six-foot tall glass sculpture of a coastal wave hand blown by glass artist **Russ Gilbert** of Fusion Glass Art. Guests will also discover

Gilbert's nature-inspired blown glass pieces shaped into fragile frays of sea oats and mounted majestically behind the front desk, as well as schools of blue fish swimming along the wall in the main dining room.

These custom pieces crafted by the creative hands of some of the Emerald Coast's most talented artists will bring beauty and inspiration for many years to come. With beautiful artwork gracing the walls, the Henderson has further defined its unique sense of place as a warm and welcoming home away from home.

Art

ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ARTFUL THINGS, 1087 East John Sims Parkway, Niceville. Call 850-729-2600 for more info.

Tuesdays. Oil with Rosalyn O'Grady, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$20 per session plus supplies. Call Ros at 850-865-5343. rosalynogrady.com.

Wednesdays. Watercolor with Lou Kaunzinger, 10 a.m.-noon. Cost for four-week session is \$80 plus supplies. Call Lou at 850-897-1456.

Thursdays. Landscape Painting with Carol Ann Cain, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call Carol at 850-543-3575. carolanncain.com.

Fridays. Beginning Head Studies with Charlotte Arnold, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call Charlotte at 850-240-7888. CharlotteArnoldFineArt.com.

Saturdays. Kids' Drawing with Sarah Coleman, 10 a.m.-noon. For ages 11-15. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call 310-717-4302 for more info.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at artsdesignsociety.org.

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 a.m.-noon both days and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque** is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 p.m. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$85 (\$70 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7:30 p.m. Bring your own supplies (except clay—no clay, please) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$7 (\$5 for ADSO members).

Thursdays. Watercolor Painting with Pat Farwell, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Beginner through advanced. Bring your own supplies—list provided in the ADSO office. Cost is \$85 per month (\$70 for ADSO members).

Fridays. Open Studio, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Same as Tuesdays, but enter through the ADSO office, please.

Dec. 3. Raku Workshop with Marcy Eady, 9 a.m.-noon. Students will fire pieces of pottery in a Raku kiln. Cost is \$40 (\$35 for ADSO members). Students supply their own bisque ware—three pieces, not to exceed 8" by 8" by 8". Pieces of pottery will be available for sale to newcomers.

EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS, Destin. Call 850-460-8644 to register for classes, and visit emeraldcoastartgallery.com for more info.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY, 29 B Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-362-8041 or visit fullcirclefwb.com for more info.

Thursdays. Pottery a la Carte, 6-8 p.m. Cost per session is \$35.

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THE SHARD SHOP in the Shops of Grayton, Grayton Beach. Shard art is a Glass Collage technique of applying glass to painted canvas with resin holding it all together. Classes daily. Open Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Adult classes Tue.-Fri., 10 a.m.-noon. Families (adults and kids) Tue., Weds., Fri., 1-3 p.m. After school kids' classes Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Home school day Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. Open studio and walk-ins every Saturday.

Adult classes start at \$85, kids start at \$35. Sign up online at ShardShop.com or call 850-231-0544.

WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, 437 Greenway Trail, Santa Rosa Beach.

Dec. 2, 9 and 16. Holiday Art Class for Kids, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Children will utilize a variety of mixed media and recycled materials. plus—stories and cooking. FREE. Call Dollie at 850-267-2809 to reserve a spot.

ART EVENTS

THROUGH DEC. 17. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) ARTS AND CRAFTS CHRISTMAS MARKET AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

Unique gifts, including jewelry, paintings, photos and note cards created by ADSO members. Gallery hours are noon-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. artsdesignsociety.org.

THROUGH DEC. 23. ARTS AND CRAFTS CHRISTMAS MARKET AT HH ARTS, FORT WALTON BEACH

Art, jewelry, ornaments, cards and more created by Beachcomberland artists and reasonably priced for gift giving. Open Tuesday through Saturday), 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The



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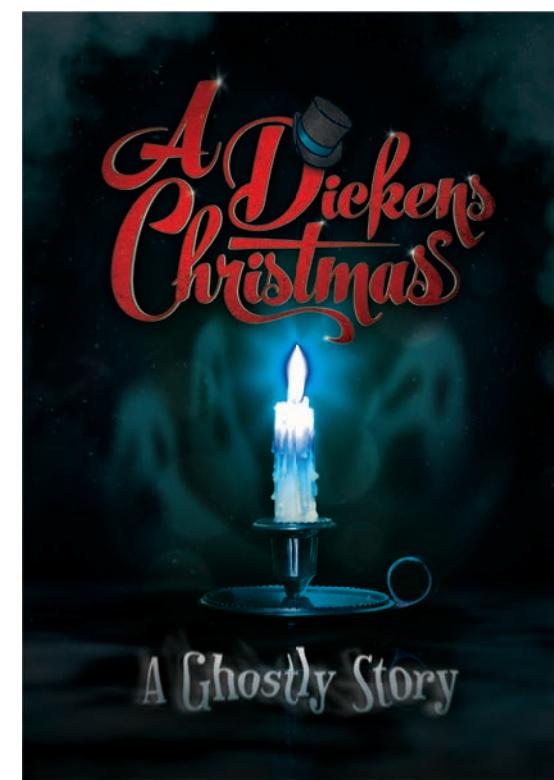
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gallery is located at 100 Beal Parkway SW. Call 850-218-2155 for more info.

THROUGH DEC. 27. KATHLEEN BROADERICK AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH

Broaderick's "Bonita" was featured on *The Beachcomber's* Oct. 20-Nov. 2 cover.

DEC. 1. THE ARC OF THE EMERALD COAST'S "ART WITH A HEART" AT G & CO. GALLERY, DESTIN

An evening of art, wine and heart, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Learn about the exciting things happening at the Arc, and meet the new CEO, **John Roper**.

OPENS DEC. 1. ADSO WINDOW DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

The December spotlight shines on **Gini Simpson**, who works mostly in watercolors, but is pretty good with the oils and acrylics, too. artsdesignsociety.org.

OPENS DEC. 1. JOE HARPER AND HEATHER MITCHELL EXHIBITS AT DESTIN LIBRARY



Photographer Harper has lived and worked in the Panhandle since 1968, while Hawaii native Mitchell recently returned to drawing after years in publishing, advertising and teaching. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.

DEC. 2. ADSO CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

All are invited to the holiday bash, from 6 to 8 p.m. Festive activities abound, including a holiday decorations auctions, member-made goodies, and a potluck dinner. Call 850-244-1271 for more info.

DEC. 10. HOLIDAY BAZAAR ARTWALK AT THE MARKET SHOPS, SANDESTIN

The inaugural ArtWalk, happening from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., benefits the **Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County** and includes an artist marketplace, live music from the Fort Walton Beach High School **Valhalla Choir**, children's activities and more.

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART is a new gallery with works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year **Juan Francisco Adaro**, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Located in the Uptown Shops of Grayton on Scenic Highway 30A next to Another Broken Egg Café. Open Tue.-Sun., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 51-1 Uptown Grayton Circle, Grayton Beach, 561-985-5767. Email adaro.art@gmail.com for more info. www.adaro.art.com.

ARTFUL THINGS Original oils, watercolors and acrylics, as well as prints and note cards by local artists. Art classes, supplies and custom framing available. 1087 John Sims Pkwy., Niceville, 850-729-2600. www.artfulthings.net.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various

media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. www.artsdesignsociety.org.

CARA ROY ARTWORKS Florida tropicals, watercolors, posters of all kinds, note cards, original artworks and gift items. Available at Fusion Art Glass Gallery in Seaside and Grand Boulevard at Sandestin. www.cararoyartworks.com.

EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS features a plethora of one-of-a-kind paintings, handcrafted jewelry, handmade furniture, glass art, prints, home décor and gifts from over 30 local and area artists. Check online at emeraldcoastartgallery.com for classes and workshop schedules. Classes are given by gallery owners **Claire Gagne** and **Jennifer Viaene** and other featured artists in the gallery. Classes include acrylic painting, watercolor, mosaic glass and shard glass. Come on in and have some fun! Gallery is located in the McGuire's Shopping Plaza in Destin between Boca Boutique and McGuire's Sushi. 850-460-8644.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY AND STUDIO is a contemporary and inspirational art space. We feature the works of regional artists in our gallery and offer an array of art classes with award-winning artists. We also have Paint Your Own Pottery. Come get creative with us! Located at 29B Eglin Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-362-8041. www.fullcirclefbw.com.

G & CO. GALLERY (formerly Geana's Art Gallery) Located in City Market, Destin. An exciting art gallery and full service frame and

mirror shop offering a large selection of local, regional and international artists ranging from local photography to original fine art. Quality and value is second to none. We ship worldwide. 850-650-0779. www.GAndCoGallery.com.

HH ARTS is a new gallery offering works for sale from local artists in all mediums. There are many award-winning artists displayed in oil, acrylic, encaustic, collage, clay, handmade candles, and handmade jewelry designs in glass, leather and Victorian style. Studio space available for artists at reasonable rates. An outdoor area is also available for plein aire painting or classes, with lighting and overhead covering. The wall space facing Third Street is being offered to artists for murals. There will be classes offered for children and adults. Located 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach (three blocks off 98, across from Troy University). Open Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more info, call 850-218-2155 and "like" HH Arts on Facebook.

MARY HONG GALLERY Located next to the Shard Shop in the Shops of Grayton. Mary Hong is the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year and has been featured in over 10 publications, as well as on the Golf Channel's *Morning Drive Show* hosted by Matt Ginella. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at the Shard Shop located adjacent to her gallery. There is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardART on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Come break some glass with

us! Open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sundays, noon-6 p.m. 26 Logan Lane, Grayton Beach. 850-231-1416. MaryHongStudio.com.

MATTIE KELLY ART GALLERIES AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

The Arts Center Galleries at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville encompass two galleries showcasing 20 different international, national and regional exhibitions yearly, which are unique to this region. Viewing hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Visit www.mattiekellyartscenter.org or call 850-729-6044.

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CALL TO ARTISTS

"Yule of Yesteryear—A Traditional Christmas Festival," to be held **Dec. 10** at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida in Valparaiso. Seeking arts and craft vendors with quality, handcrafted, original items. Register at heritage-museum.org. Call 850-678-2615 or email info@heritage-museum.org for more info.



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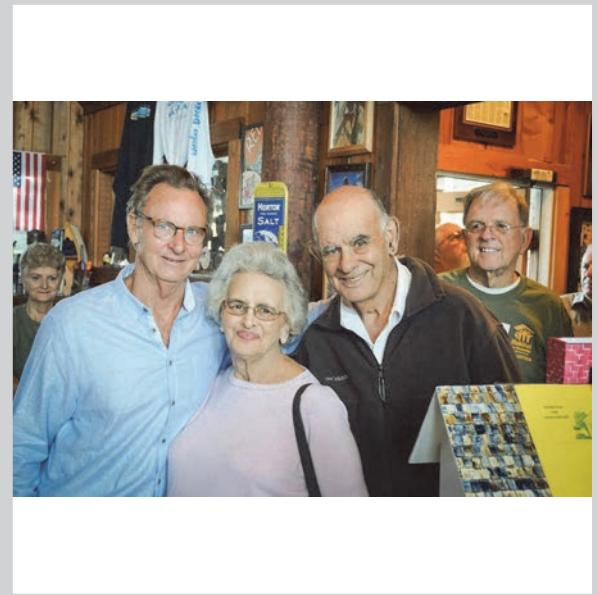
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Emerald Coast Theatre Company carolers take a well-deserved break from the holiday tunes.



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Musician Mari Gleason was featured in our Nov. 17-30 issue.



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Beachcomber Publisher Charles Morgan III spreads the Thanksgiving love.



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Santa at HarborWalk, deliberately avoiding the Paparazzi.



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Another (yawn) amazing beachy nature capture.



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The Beat Profiles* — Dino Lourdi

HOME: Santa Rosa Beach. Originally from Bali Island, Indonesia.

AGE: I am a demigod, so immortality is for my kind...LOL, prefer not to say.

PROFESSION: Guitarist, singer and songwriter.

HOBBIES: Playing guitar. Nature. Nature heals my soul. As islanders, we are raised to respect our earth, and I kind of consider myself a tree hugger. I do respect trees and love them, especially old ones. Whenever I see one that looks like it has aged, I normally just run up and hug it. There's so many stories trees can tell through the time that earth has evolved. I get a little sad when I see old trees just get chopped down for nothing.

I love playing with dogs, rollerblading along the beach, exercising, cooking. I can cook pretty impressive meals—I can confidently say that. I cooked ratatouille just like in the movie, and had my besties try it at Enlightened Studios. I read books, watch movies, and love writing movie scripts. I have a few projects that I've started—hopefully, I can finish them one day.

LAST BOOK I READ: *The Power of Now* by Eckhart Tolle. It changes your life perspective as a human being in pursuit of happiness within.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Being able to use the talent God blessed me with to not only bring me income, but to bring joy to me and others. And mostly to worship Him at the church.

QUOTE: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." — Martin Luther King Jr.

PROFILE: I'm still new in this music scene. I came to the USA 13 years ago not knowing anyone, and now I'm able to play music and entertain for a living—that's a wild dream I never thought would come true. I am very blessed for this musical journey. God has always been kind to me throughout the times I've been dealing with deep depression, losing almost everything and nearly being homeless.

I only had 10 dollars in my bank account three years ago, but one day I decided to go check out Destiny Worship Center with the encouragement of my good friend Kalen Carter. Since that day, my life has been turned around from where I thought I was never going to get better. God, through my DWC family, helped me get back on track and rebuild myself.

Music has always been a part of my life. I grew up kind of spoiled, so in order to discipline me, my parents put me in after school extracurricular music programs taught by Catholic priests and sisters. It was really strict. That's how I encountered the guitar at age 15. In high school, I was into the progressive metal band Dream Theater—shredding and odd notes, I found it really interesting. Later, I started looking into neoclassical rock, then a variety of jazz and fusion jazz.



I met Nick Turner at an open mic at the Funky Blues Shack Baytowne, and Scott Rockwood, the guitar sensei, was hosting it. A good friend invited me—at the time, I had no idea what an open mic was. I attempted to play the Beatles' "With a Little Help from My Friends" and failed terribly. As I came off the stage, Nick invited me to the next open mic, and then I was showing up all over the area. I started channeling my long forgotten musical talent with the help of kindhearted people God sent to me—DWC, Nick, 30A Songwriter Radio's Josette Rhodes and Shannon Ireland, Cole Huffer, Shane DeFurry, Arron Stevens...

Once I thought I'd be lonely in this foreign country, but now I have a big family. I've met so many lovely people throughout this journey. Music does bring people together. It's powerful.

I incorporate smooth jazz, blues, Motown, pop, rock, reggae and a bit country. I love all kinds of music. A little of everything for everyone. I play both acoustic and electric guitar and sing. I'm putting together a band project, too—I think it's time for this grasshopper to fly, so stay tuned.

FAVORITE FREE ENTERTAINMENT PUBLICATION:
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* Inspired by the late, great CREEM magazine.

UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

DEC. 2

Kate Bush, *Before the Dawn* (Also on Vinyl)
Childish Gambino, "...Awaken, My Love!"
Bob Dylan, *The Real Royal Albert Hall 1966 Concert!*
Enuff Z'Nuff, *Clowns Lounge*
Heart, *Live at the Royal Albert Hall with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra* (Also on DVD, Blu-ray)
John Legend, *Darkness and Light*
Night Ranger, *35 Years and a Night in Chicago* (Also on DVD, Blu-ray)
The Rolling Stones, *Blue and Lonesome*
UB40, *Unplugged Featuring Ali, Astro & Mickey Mickey*
The Hamilton Mixtape
The T.A.M.I. Show (Blu-ray). One of the all-time great rock 'n roll concert films, with James Brown, Marvin Gaye, the Rolling Stones and tons more. The lesser follow-up, *The Big T.N.T. Show*, is also included in the Blu-ray package.

DEC. 9

The Last Shadow Puppets, *The Dream Synopsis EP* (Also on Vinyl)
Donny Most, *Swinging Down the Chimney Tonight*
The kid's still got it.
Buck Owens, *The Complete Capitol Singles 1957-1966*
Peter, Paul and Mary, *50 Years with Peter, Paul and Mary* (DVD)
Neil Young, *Peace Trail*
Sing (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)

Sources: pauseandplay.com, allmusic.com

Music > The Beachcomber's Record Roundup

Musicians - send your CDs, vinyl and/or cassettes to The Beachcomber, P.O. Box 5707, Destin, FL 32540-5707. Email MP3s and streaming links to chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

Accursed Creator

Sins of the Father

Independent



Pensacola's dynamic Accursed Creator are disciples of fusing multiple genres of metal. They build on the backs of death, progressive and melodic metal pioneers to create intricate and raucous music. With a frontwoman who can growl and snarl death metal lyrics as well (if not better) than many of her male counterparts, well... here's to Accursed Creator continuing their conquests.

- Nikki Hedrick

Kurt Elling

The Beautiful Day – Kurt Elling Sings Christmas

Okeh



Jazz vocalist Elling follows in the footsteps of Sinatra, Crosby, Nat King Cole, Johnny Mathis and other iconic male singers with *That Beautiful Day*, a 14-track Christmas album. It's a first for the prolific Elling, who has been putting his stamp on the tricky scat/vocalese genre since the 1990s. The song list includes sacred, secular and show tunes, including several from Leslie Bricusse's spot-on score to the 1970 film *Scrooge*. The arrangements vary from near-traditional to near-complete makeovers—e.g., the lyrics to "Little Drummer Boy" undergo a '50s-vintage jive translation. This should liven up your tree trimming.

- Bruce Collier

Jennifer Knapp

Set Me Free

Righteous Babe Records



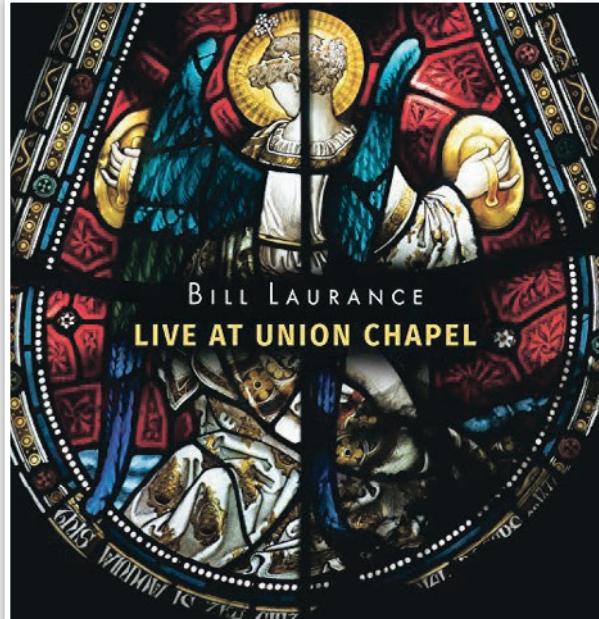
Heartfelt songbird Knapp returns for 2017's 30A Songwriter Festival in January. Every songwriter approaches his or her craft differently, but as a listener, you come away from *Set Me Free* with an idea of Knapp's nature, as if listening to her offers a doorway into knowing her. This album features 11 soulful songs about love and the journey towards it.

- Nikki Hedrick

Bill Laurance

Live at Union Chapel

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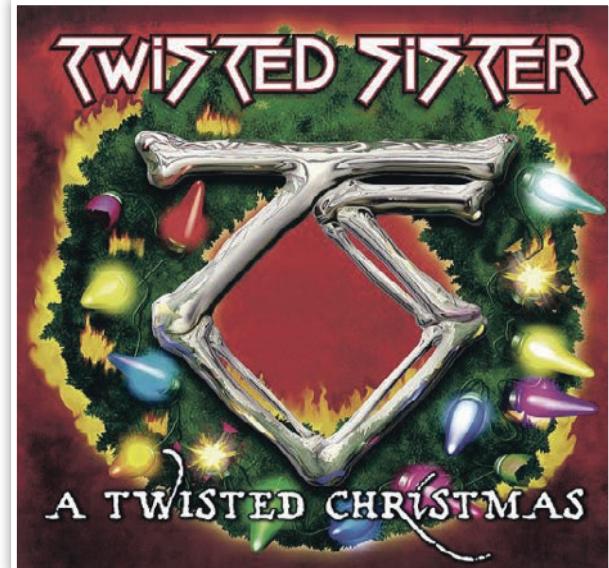
Pianist and Snarky Puppy co-founder Laurance's *Live at Union Chapel* is his fourth solo endeavor in three years, so we are not listening to a lazy musician. A few of his Snarky Puppy cohorts sit in with him here at the legendary London venue. Yes it's jazz, yes it's classical, yes it's got strings and French horn along with the Moog. It might make you think of Emerson, Lake & Palmer or Rick Wakeman. Laurance starts strong, achieving a momentum that becomes panoramic. The quality is so polished that, but for the occasional applause, you'd not know it was live.

- Bruce Collier

Twisted Sister

Twisted Christmas

Razor & Tie



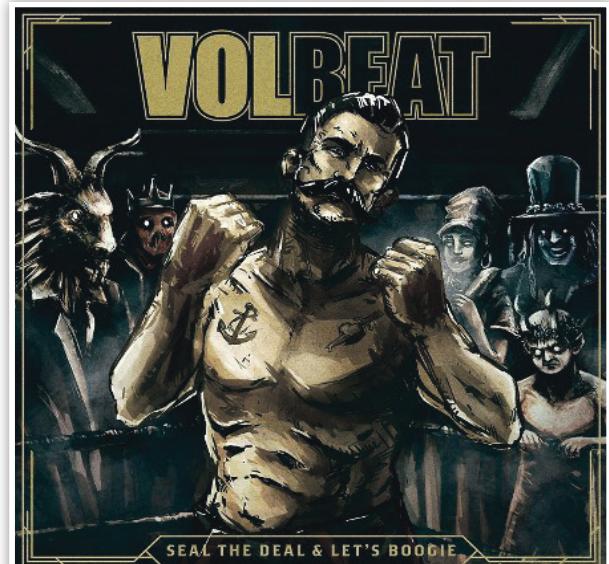
I'm a bit of a Scrooge, and if you are, too, and would like to ruffle a few feathers at your next family gathering, this is the seasonal music to play. Twisted Sister went after the songs earnestly enough that you might can shrug it off as a change of pace from the same ol' versions that have been endlessly piped into our subconscious thanks to advertising and Muzak. And, let's be honest, there aren't enough electric guitars in Christmas songs.

- Nikki Hedrick

Volbeat

Seal the Deal & Let's Boogie

Republic Records



Volbeat's latest seals the deal, proving the band's staying power by delivering more of their unique, punk-metal sound, with the title track and "The Devil's Bleeding Crown" already familiar tunes. Listen carefully to the entire album, though, and you'll hear some ballad-like lyrics wrapped up in signature rapid fire drumbeat and screeching metal strings. "The Bliss" and "You Will Know" are downright wedding song worthy—that is, if the bride and groom want a rockin' ceremony worthy of a GNR video, because nothing on this album is a slow dance. It all rocks, or at least boogies. And it's all good.

- Joni Williams

Live Music

Musicians and venues: Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com to have your gigs listed here.

THURSDAY, DEC. 1

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin

RUSTY HAMMERSTROM, 4 p.m.
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 8 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin

DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

CUVEE BISTRO, Destin

SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

THE DOWN UNDER BAR AT FUDPUCKER'S, Destin, www.fudpucker.com

Karaoke with TIM AND RUSTY, 7 p.m. til...

HAMMERHEAD'S BAR & GRILLE, Village of Baytowne Wharf

OFF THE WALL BAND, 6-9 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin

BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 5-9 p.m.

LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach

FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.
Ladies Night

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin

HOWLIN' JACK, 5 p.m.

MC GUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin, www.mcguiresirishpub.com

RICH McDUFF, 8:55 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008

RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach

REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com

MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com

MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com

RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach, www.30asongwriterradio.com

Thursday Night Local Vocal with CHRIS ALVARADO, 7-9 p.m.

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola

HERITAGE – THE HOLDUP – THE MOVEMENT

FRIDAY, DEC. 2

BEAU RIVAGE THEATRE, Biloxi, MS

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THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin

KELLY BYRD, 4 p.m.
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CONTINUUM, 8 p.m.

COWBOYS, Dothan, AL

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CUVEE DESTIN, Destin

SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666

JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 6-10 p.m.

GULF PLACE, Santa Rosa Beach

CASEY KEARNEY, 4 p.m.

HAMMERHEAD'S BAR & GRILLE, Village of Baytowne Wharf

OFF THE WALL BAND, 6-9 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin

JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m.

JACOB MOHR BAND, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin

ADAM HOLT, 5 p.m.

MARINA CIVIC CENTER, Panama City

THE HAVANA CUBA ALL-STARS

MC GUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin, www.mcguiresirishpub.com

RICH McDUFF, 8:55 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside, www.modicamarket.com

THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

PERDIDO SPORTS BAR, Pensacola

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Friday Night Originals, 7-9 p.m.

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach

JOEY PETERS, 8 p.m.

TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach

BILL GARRETT, 6-9 p.m.

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO, Destin

RON ADAMS, 8 p.m.

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola

PAW PAW'S MEDICINE CABINET

WORLD OF BEER, Destin

HERITAGE, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 3

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin

RUSTY HAMMERSTROM, 4 p.m.

GUNNER, 8:30 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin

SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

DOC'S OYSTER BAR, Valparaiso

BT TURNER, 7 p.m.

GULF PLACE, Santa Rosa Beach

DONNIE SUNDAL

HAMMERHEAD'S BAR & GRILLE, Village of Baytowne Wharf

OFF THE WALL BAND, 6-9 p.m.

HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO, Biloxi, MS

KC & THE SUNSHINE BAND

IP CASINO RESORT & SPA, Biloxi, MS

GOO GOO DOLLS, 8 p.m. (\$65 and up)

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin

LEFTY COLLINS, 5 p.m.

MC GUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin, www.mcguiresirishpub.com

RICH McDUFF, 8:55 p.m.;

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach

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THE TANK, Valparaiso

T.B.A., 9 p.m.

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach

RAISED ON THE RADIO, 8 p.m.

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola

DAVID SHAW of THE REVIVALISTS

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

AJ'S, Destin

JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island

BT TURNER, 3:30 p.m.

THE BAY, Santa Rosa Beach

MIKE WHITTY & FRIENDS, 2-6 p.m.

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MARI GLEASON, 4 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Mary Esther
THE TALLEYS

FROG POND AT BLUE MOON FARM,
Silverhill, AL
EDWARD DAVID ANDERSON – SPENCER
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Frog Pond Sunday Social

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

HAMMERHEAD'S BAR & GRILLE,
Village of Baytowne Wharf
OFF THE WALL BAND, 6-9 p.m.



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LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 p.m.
Sunday Funday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
www.lulubuffett.com/destin
JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 p.m.

MC GUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin,
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RICH McDUFF, 8:55 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
CADILLAC WILLY, 8-11 p.m.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 a.m.

TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach
BILL GARRETT – "SMILIN'" FRITZ FROESCHNER, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
BUBBA SPARXXX – JELLY ROLL – STRUGGLE JENNINGS – YELAWOLF

MONDAY, DEC. 5

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
JAY WERNE, 7 p.m.

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JIMMY LUMPKIN, 5 p.m.

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RICH McDUFF, 8:55 p.m.

SEVILLE QUARTER, Pensacola
SCOOT & JEREMY

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

HOG'S BREATH, Destin,
www.hogsbreath.com/destin
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
www.lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN' JACK, 5 p.m.

MC GUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin,
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RICH McDUFF, 8:55 p.m.

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RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin,
www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE,
Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,
www.30asongwriterradio.com
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

THE BAY, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 6-9 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

THE DOWN UNDER BAR AT FUDPUCKER'S,
Destin, www.fudpucker.com
Open Mic Night, 6 p.m.-Midnight

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PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

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HOG'S BREATH, Destin,
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AUSTIN JENNINGS, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
www.lulubuffett.com/destin
TBA, 5 p.m.

MC GUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin,
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RICH McDUFF, 8:55 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION,
Santa Rosa Beach
Singer-Songwriter Open Mic Hosted by
CHRISTIAN MAYES

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY (Courtyard), 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
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THE SALTY GOAT, Panama City Beach
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THURSDAY, DEC. 8

CAMILLE'S, Destin
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

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SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

THE DOWN UNDER BAR AT FUDPUCKER'S, Destin, www.fudpucker.com
Karaoke with TIM AND RUSTY, 7 p.m. til...

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
GYPSYELISE AND THE ROYAL BLUES, 9 p.m.

HAMMERHEAD'S BAR & GRILLE, Village of Baytowne Wharf
OFF THE WALL BAND, 6-9 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 5-9 p.m.

LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.
Ladies Night

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN' JACK, 5 p.m.

MC GUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin, www.mcguiresirishpub.com
RICH McDUFF, 8:55 p.m.

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SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 9

THE BLOCK, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS LANE

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
KELLY BYRD, 4 p.m.
JASON CLARK, 7 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

THE FISH HOUSE, Pensacola
NICK AND THE OGOROLS

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 6-10 p.m.



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Live Music Review

Tom Petty Tribute Concert

Seaside Repertory Theatre



Photo by Nikki Hedrick.

Who knew we all knew so many Tom Petty songs?

The annual fundraiser concert at the REP Theatre is not just any concert—it is an outpouring of many of the top local musicians donating their talents to honor the music we all love. Past artists honored include Bob Dylan, the Beatles, Johnny Cash and the Rolling Stones. This time Petty received the royal 30A treatment.

Whether it was the Steenos digging through the crates to perform Mudcrutch songs or Mike Whitty

making a Petty classic all his own, the annual event always packs the house.

This year, the event went off script, deviating from the Petty songbook for the late Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" and a moving tribute to Kenny Oliverio that brought all of the evening's performers together. The group closed out the night by performing the Kenny O original "Ain't Gonna Worry."

Hearing that song done with such tender care...I wouldn't trade that moment for the world.

- Nikki Hedrick

Upcoming Events

- Dec 1st: Karaoke with Tim & Rusty 7pm
- Dec 2nd: HappyHour w/Ryan Frederick Stroud 6pm
- Dec 3rd: Prohibition Party @ 7pm
- Dec 6th: Service Industry Night 7pm til..
- Dec 7th: Open Mic Night for Musicians 7pm til..
- Dec 8th: Karaoke with Tim & Rusty 7pm til..
- Dec 9th: HappyHour w/Ryan Frederick Stroud 6pm
- Dec 9th: Zack Rosicka Live 9pm til..
- Dec 10th: Ladies Night with a DJ 9pm til..
- Dec 13th: Service Industry Night 7pm til..
- Dec 14th: Open Mic Night for Musicians 7pm til..
- Dec 15th: Karaoke with Tim & Rusty 7pm til..
- Dec 16th: HappyHour w/Ryan Frederick Stroud 6pm

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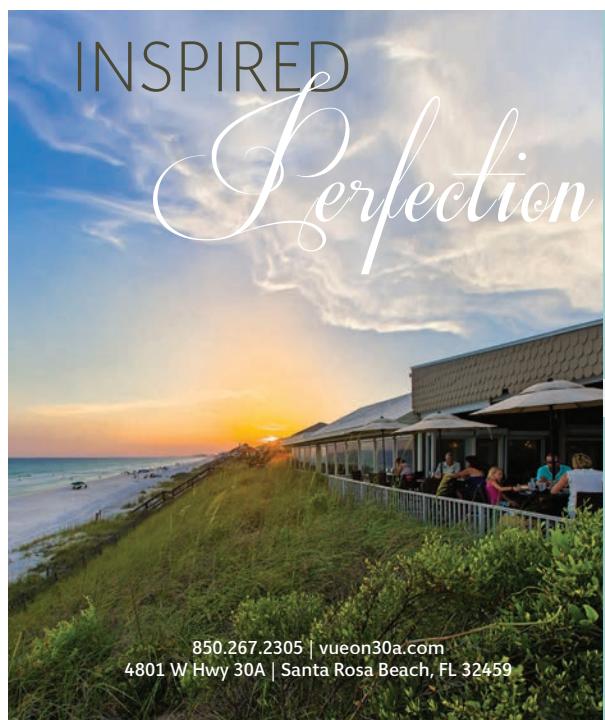
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BRANDON BENNETT
The Presley tribute performer's "Merry Christmas Baby" show.

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JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m.
CADILLAC WILLY, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

IP CASINO RESORT & SPA, Biloxi, MS
LONESTAR, 8 p.m. (\$25 and up)

JUANA'S PAGODAS, Navarre Beach
MUDBONE

LANDSHARK'S PIZZA, Destin
BT TURNER, 5 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
www.lulubuffett.com/destin
ADAM HOLT, 5 p.m.

MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER, Niceville,
www.MattieKellyArtsCenter.org
NORTHWEST FLORIDA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, 7 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin,
www.mcguiresirishpub.com
RICH McDUFF, 8:55 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside,
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THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

MOSEY'S, Panama City
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RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

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MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
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MICHAEL RORAH

THE SALTY GOAT, Panama City Beach
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SEAGAR'S, Sandestin,
www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

SEVILLE QUARTER, Pensacola
WHYTE CAPS

TAILFINS, Destin
HERITAGE, 9 p.m.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,
www.30asongwriterradio.com
Friday Night Originals, 7-9 p.m.

TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach
LUKE WINSLOW-KING - CASEY KEARNEY, 7 p.m.

UNDERTOW, Orange Beach, AL
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WILLIAMS BACKYARD BOOGIE,
Santa Rosa Beach

DREADED FORREST (DREAD CLAMPITT and FORREST WILLIAMS BAND Mash-Up) - BRYAN KENNEDY - CHRIS ALVARADO, 6 p.m. (\$20)
The last Boogie of 2016. Tickets available at any Forrest Williams show, 30A Songwriter Music & Coffee, etc.

SATURDAY, DEC. 10

BEAU RIVAGE THEATRE, Biloxi, MS
MARTINA MCBRIDE - HIGH VALLEY - HAILEY WHITTERS, 7:30 p.m. (\$69.95 and up)

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
RUSTY HAMMERSTROM, 4 p.m.
GUNNER, 8:30 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

THE FISH HOUSE, Pensacola
NICK AND THE OGOROLS

HAMMERHEAD'S BAR & GRILLE, Village of Baytowne Wharf
OFF THE WALL BAND, 6-9 p.m.

HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO, Biloxi, MS
BRANDON BENNETT
The Presley tribute performer's "Merry Christmas Baby" show.

THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
GRAYSON CAPPES

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
www.lulubuffett.com/destin
LEFTY COLLINS, 5 p.m.

MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER, Niceville,
www.MattieKellyArtsCenter.org
RICK BRAUN - EUGE GROOVE - PETER WHITE, 7 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin,
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RICH McDUFF, 8:55 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

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MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

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RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

SEVILLE QUARTER, Pensacola
WHYTE CAPS

TAILFINS, Destin
HERITAGE, 8 p.m.

WORLD OF BEER, Destin
JOHN HART PROJECT, 10 p.m.

Live Music

SUNDAY, DEC. 11

AJ'S, Destin

JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

THE BAY, Santa Rosa Beach

MIKE WHITTY & FRIENDS, 2-6 p.m.

*Sunday Pickin'—all local musicians invited to jam.***THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**

KELLY BYRD, 3 p.m.

RUSTY HAMMERSTROM, 6 p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin

CONTINUUM, 3 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin

DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach

Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

HAMMERHEAD'S BAR & GRILLE, Village of Baytowne Wharf

OFF THE WALL BAND, 6-9 p.m.

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE, HarborWalk Village

Karaoke, 8 p.m.-Midnight

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ALBERT SIMPSON, 5 p.m.

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RICH McDUFF, 8:55 p.m.

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VINYL MUSIC HALL

NIYKEE HEATON

MONDAY, DEC. 12

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin

JAY WERNE, 7 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin

JUSTIN YAWN, 5 p.m.

SEVILLE QUARTER, Pensacola

SCOOT & JEREMY

TUESDAY, DEC. 13

CARRABBAS, Miramar Beach

MARI GLEASON, 6 p.m.

THE HANDLEBAR, Pensacola

JUSTIN SYMBOL – TEAR OUT THE HEART

HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin

BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

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BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

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Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin

SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

THE DOWN UNDER BAR AT FUDPUCKER'S, Destin, www.fudpucker.com

Open Mic Night, 6 p.m.-Midnight

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AUSTIN JENNINGS, 5-9 p.m.

HUB STACEY'S, Pensacola

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BT TURNER, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008

RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

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MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com

MICHAEL RORAH

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THURSDAY, DEC. 1- SATURDAY, DEC. 3

MUSEUM STORE SALE

City of Fort Walton Beach Heritage Park & Cultural Center
850-833-9595

Unique presents including handmade jewelry, pottery, beadwork and textiles. The museum gift shop is open from noon to 4:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday.

THURSDAY, DEC. 1

CITY OF DESTIN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Destin Community Center, 6-9 p.m.
850-654-5184

An outdoor event for the whole family, with music from local choruses, a visit from Santa and more. Donations of canned food will be collected for families in need.

"EVERY CHRISTMAS STORY EVER TOLD (AND THEN SOME!)"

The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30 p.m.

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Hilarious mashup of all your holiday favorites and some you may have forgotten. Tickets are \$25 for adults, 10 bucks for kids under 12.

THURSDAY, DEC. 1- SUNDAY, DEC. 25

SEVENTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES

Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, Miramar Beach
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Uniquely decorated Christmas trees from area nonprofits.

THURSDAY, DEC. 1- FRIDAY, FEB. 10, 2017

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The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin
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FRIDAY, DEC. 2

CRAB & CHARDONNAY FRIDAYS

Trebeache, Santa Rosa Beach, 5-9 p.m.
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October's Pink Party raised over \$12,000 for Carrie Bair, a pivotal part of the Jackacudas family who is fighting stage 1 Ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS). Here's Bair with Christopher Ruyan and Tyler Jarvis. Stand with Bair by dropping off your donations at Jackacudas or Brotula's in Destin.

Photo by Jessica Bracken.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 3

CHRISTMAS AT THE BEACH

Gulf Place, Santa Rosa Beach, 2-5 p.m.

FREE family fun in the town center.

CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE DECADES PARADE

Downtown Crestview, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

This year's event celebrates the city of Crestview's centennial.

A DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY

Downtown Fort Walton Beach, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

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Holiday shopping, food vendors, live music, live nativity, children's activities, Toys for Tots donation area, Santa's arrival, and tree lighting ceremony at 5:30.

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PROHIBITION PARTY

The Down Under Bar, Destin, 7 p.m.

downunderbardestin.com

Celebrate the abolition of Prohibition with two-for-one cocktails, wine and beer until 9, and dress to impress—flapper and dapper encouraged.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

Seaside, 8 a.m.-Noon. Behind Raw & Juicy

www.seasidefl.com

Fresh produce, baked goods, dairy products, native plants and other unique offerings.

12 NIGHTS OF LIGHTS

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6, 7 and 8 p.m.

baytownewharf.com

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VISIT WITH SANTA

HarborWalk Village, Destin, Noon

HarborWalkDestin.com

Bring the kids and the wish lists!

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

DIG IN! HOLIDAY BRUNCH FOR TREES DESTIN

Destin Bay House, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

treesdestin.com

The local nonprofit is dedicated to improving the area's tree canopy and enhancing local beauty through planting, conservation and education. Tickets are \$30 each, \$10 for children 10 and under. Enjoy a full brunch

buffet from the Local Market and La Paz, Bloody Mary bar from Timber Creek Distillery and LuLu's Destin, live entertainment, silent auction and more.

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SUNDAY, DEC. 4- MONDAY, DEC. 5

"MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT" AUDITIONS

Stage Crafters Warehouse, 40 Robinwood Drive SW, Fort Walton Beach, 2-5 p.m. Sunday and 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday

stagecraftersfwb.com

Calling all men and women between the ages of 16 and, well, older. No prepared audition material required. **Craig Ewing** will direct the show **March 10-12 and 17-19**. This is the acclaimed musical comedy based on the classic film *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*.

MONDAY, DEC. 5

CITY OF FORT WALTON BEACH CHRISTMAS PARADE

Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

STEAK & CHOP TUESDAYS

Trebeache, Santa Rosa Beach, 5 p.m.

Live music from Beachcomber Music Award winner **Baldur Saunders** and delicious offerings from the Tuesdays-only "Steak & Chop" menu.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

THE GRAYT HOLIDAY PARTY

Shops of Grayton, Grayton Beach, 4-7 p.m.

Food, drink, music and more. Bring your holiday shopping list and buy local.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 8

ALAQUA ANIMAL REFUGE'S THIRD ANNUAL WREATH AUCTION

Old Florida Fish House, Seagrove Beach, 6:30 p.m.

alaqua.org

Join our friends from the Freeport no-kill facility, along with auctioneer **Helen "Redd" Wizard**, and bid on 20 wreaths created by local artists, businesses and individuals. If you'd like to decorate a wreath for the event, call Jill at 850-534-3045 or Mary at 850-880-6399.

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "A DICKENS CHRISTMAS"

560 Grand Boulevard, Sandestin, 7:30 p.m.

emeraldcoasttheatre.org

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$15 for students. This lively twist on Charles Dickens' immortal classic is not recommended for children under the age of 5. Purchase tickets at the website or call 850-684-0323.

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Family-Friendly Events

THURSDAY, DEC. 1

Planetarium Night at Emerald Coast Science Center, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-664-1261.

FRIDAY, DEC. 2

Kids' Holiday Art Class at Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 3

Christmas Parade and Family Fun Day at Chick-Fil-A, Niceville, 11 a.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

Second Annual Christmas Open House and Photos with Santa at 30Avenue, Santa Rosa Beach, 1-4 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 5

Fort Walton Beach Christmas Parade along Eglin Parkway, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

Ice Skating at the Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 4-10 p.m. **baytownewharf.com**

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

Christmas Reflections at Lake DeFuniak, DeFuniak Springs, 5-9 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 8

Dinner with Santa at Bay Elementary School, Santa Rosa Beach, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 9

"The Polar Express" Movie Plus Popcorn and Hot Chocolate at Fox Sports Radio,

Milton, 6 and 8 p.m. Bring lawn chairs, wear PJs.

SATURDAY, DEC. 10

Destin Christmas Parade, 10 a.m.

Photos with Santa at Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 11

Billy Claus and the LuLuBelles at LuLu's, Destin, 1-4 p.m. Family fun, arts and crafts, letters to Santa and more. **lulubuffet.com/destin**.

Destin Harbor Boat Parade, 6-8 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 12

After School Art Class: Clay Ornaments at Valparaiso Library, 4 p.m. For ages 5-12.

TUESDAY, DEC. 13

Storytime at Crestview Library, 10 a.m. For ages 3-5.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

Kids Eat FREE, various locations in Destin, Crestview, Fort Walton Beach and Panama City Beach. More info at **emeraldcoastkids.org**. - Kellyanne Bartleson, **EmeraldCoastKids.org**

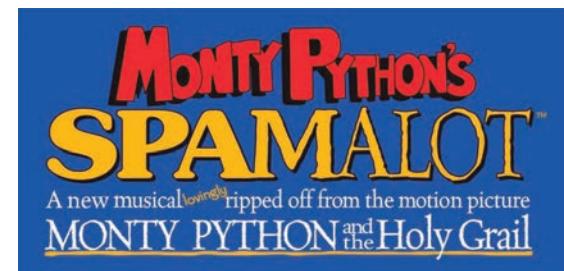
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Sunday, Dec 4th, 2016

2-5 PM (scripts at 1:30)

Mon Dec 5th, 2016

6:30-9:30 PM (scripts 6:00)

Attendance encouraged both days

WHERE:

Stage Crafters Rehearsal Hall

40 Robinwood Drive

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

(behind Saint Mary's Catholic Church)

QUESTIONS:

Call Craig Ewing
850-582-1710

www.stagecrafters.com

Events

FRIDAY, DEC. 9

CRAB & CHARDONNAY FRIDAYS

Trebeache, Santa Rosa Beach, 5-9 p.m.

opentable.com/trebeache

Live music, specialty crab menu, and perfectly paired Chardy from around the world.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 10

CAFÉ THIRTY-A CHRISTMAS CHARITY BALL

Café Thirty-A, Santa Rosa Beach, 6:30 p.m.-Midnight eventbrite.com

Tickets are \$75 per person, and all proceeds from the party will benefit **Caring and Sharing of South Walton**.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SATURDAYS

HarborWalk Village, 11 a.m. until...

HarborWalkVillage.com

Cheer on your favorite teams and enjoy food and drink specials from your fave HarborWalk venues, including **Charlie's Burger Bar**.

EMERALD COAST THEATRE COMPANY'S "A DICKENS CHRISTMAS"

560 Grand Boulevard, Sandestin, 7:30 p.m.

emeraldcoasttheatre.org



Beachcomber contributing writer Sherry Londe performs in the recent Lip Sync Battle hosted by the Emerald Coast Theatre Company. Londe's tribute to the late Amy Winehouse took the People's Choice honors, and you can see more winners and highlights at emeraldcoasttheatre.org.

Photo by Zandra Wolfgram.

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FIRST ANNUAL NICEVILLE UGLY SWEATER RK RUN/WALK AND ONE-MILE FUN RUN

Hurricane Grill & Wings, Niceville, 9 a.m.

nhsuglysweater.com

Tis the season to be tacky! Don your worst apparel and help the Niceville High School track facility. Packet pickup and pasta dinner **Dec. 8** at Crosspoint, 5-8 p.m.

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Fresh produce, baked goods, dairy products, native plants and other unique offerings.

TUBA CHRISTMAS

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Playground Music Center presents more than 30 brass instruments playing your favorite holiday classics.

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WRITERS IN SANDALS

Destin Library, 10:30 a.m.

Members share their Christmas memories.

YULE OF YESTERYEAR

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Heritage-museum.org



Historical theatrical performances, dancers, musicians, local choirs, craft demonstrations, and the Walton Guard Civil War Re-Enactors. FREE admission.

SUNDAY, DEC. 11

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Emerald Grande, Destin, 8-11 a.m.

850-424-0621

What better way to ring in the holidays than hanging with the man himself at the Grande Vista Bar and Grill?

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HOMETOWN HOLIDAY PRESENTED BY FORT WALTON BEACH AND GULF BREEZE HIGH SCHOOLS

Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville, 2 p.m.

MattieKellyArtsCenter.org

A heartwarming afternoon of music and beloved holiday characters. Proceeds support the continuation of music and theater in our schools. Tickets are \$18—call 850-729-6000 or purchase at the website listed above.

30A FARMERS MARKET

Rosemary Beach, 9 a.m.

High quality locally grown produce, freshly prepared foods, specialty items and more.

VISIT WITH SANTA

HarborWalk Village, Destin, Noon

HarborWalkDestin.com

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TUESDAY, DEC. 13

FREE SCREENING OF SCOTT HICKS' "SHINE"

Destin Library, 3 p.m.

850-837-8572

"One of the year's best films. It's brilliant, electrifying acting and filmmaking."

— JAY CARR, THE BOSTON GLOBE



Geoffrey Rush won an Academy Award for his portrayal of pianist David Helfgott in this 1996 biopic.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

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Not only do the folks at Harbor Docks feed 2,000 or so people every Thanksgiving, they have a pretty fine ball team, too. We are proud to present the City of Destin 2016 Fall Recreational Softball League World Champions!

Photo submitted by Eddie Morgan.

Merry Christmas!

Whaddaya Want?? Our Holiday Wish Lists

BRUCE COLLIER

Beachcomber Contributing Editor

This Christmas, instead of fake news and reality television, can we have the reverse? If we can't tell the difference, we can always go back to normal.

I'd like an Indian restaurant to magically appear in the Destin-Fort Walton Beach area and never go away. I'm willing to part with any number of souvenir shops to make that happen.

I'd like a craft distiller to offer me a part-time job. Apprentice Taster, maybe.

GRACE COLLIER

a/k/a the Tiny Diner

Grace is deciding whether Shopkins are as prudent a long-term investment as American Girl dolls and accessories. She also wants a "one-of-a-kind, made-to-order Barbie Dream House." She asked about life-sized Barbie dolls, but Bruce intends to tell her that those are specialty items that Santa farms out to subcontractors. With any luck, he won't have that conversation except in his head.

SAMANTHA LAMBERT

Beachcomber Contributing Writer

1. Continued peace, love and happiness for my family.
2. To win the Florida Lottery.
3. To start writing the novel that I have always wanted to write in 2017.

ZANDRA WOLFGRAM

Beachcomber Contributing Writer (Among Other Things)

Can Santa put time in a bottle? I'd like a little more of that, please. Any denomination is fine—days, weeks, months, years, just maybe not minutes. Then again, a really good moment can be life changing, so yeah, I'll take whatever.



Nathanael and Anna Fisher of the Emerald Coast Theatre Company with superstar volunteer Candace Joslin at the Grand Boulevard Festival of Trees.

TUNY JENNINGS

Arts and Design Society, Fort Walton Beach

Number one on my list—a realization in our community of what a treasure we have in our ADSO Art Center with its classes, exhibitions, and other activities. Despite great publicity, it seems to be FWB's best kept secret ever.

Number two—an online course for my cats to teach them to tidy and change their own litter box. They're old enough to take on that responsibility.

LESLIE KOLOVICH

30A Mover/Shaker, Occasional Beachcomber Contributor

My Christmas wish came true in October, unbeknownst to me. I needed some comfort and joy that seemed to have been stolen from me—even the Grinch only tried to steal one day from the Whoville people!

My Christmas wish is that we can come together in love, compassion and peace, and in the end share some roast beast and Who-pudding, hold hands and sing around the Christmas tree.

And to all the merchandisers and stores who started Christmas before Halloween—thank you from the bottom of my heart. *Fah who-for-aze! Welcome Christmas! Welcome Christmas, come this way!*

TIM MORINELLI

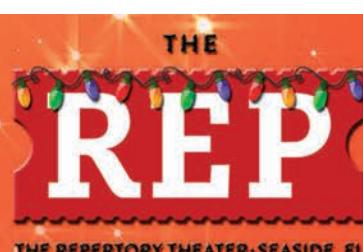
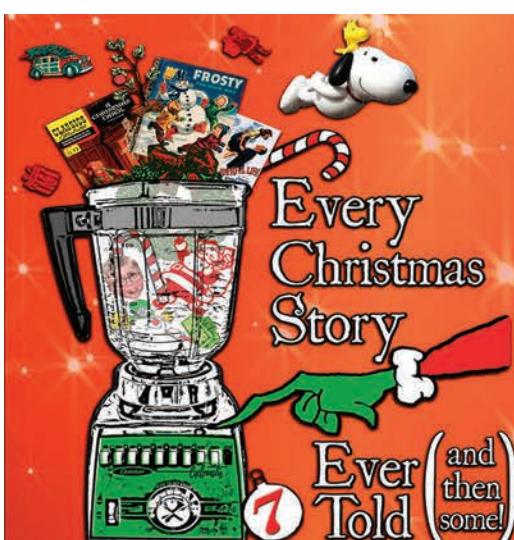
Musician-Vodka Enthusiast-Packers Fan

I wrote to Santa and requested the following items—new slippers (my dog Brandy ate them), new edible underwear (my wife Rusty ate them), a large salami hoagie (my friend Matty ate mine), and peace and harmony in America (the presidential election ate that all up).

NIKKI HEDRICK

Beachcomber Contributing Writer and Photographer

If I have a secret benefactor that wants to gift me a Canon Mark IV, it



"Wackiest, Tackiest and Happiest Holiday Event!"

- USA Today



Why go out to see another Christmas Carol, The Nutcracker, and watch It's a Wonderful Life on TV when you can see all 3 (and many more) in one 90 minute show? The REP's 7 year smash hit Every Christmas Story Ever Told returns with all of your favorite "Beloved Holiday Classics" crammed into a show full of high-energy jolly, frivolity, and hilarity. It's the perfect way to get ready for the season, beat the festive fatigue, and share some holiday cheer!

Catch all of the holiday fun through December 29th at 2:00PM & 7:30PM

For showtimes and tickets, visit LoveTheREP.com

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Merry Christmas!

might make me less of a Grinch. But no promises.

CHESTER KROEGER

a/k/a Father Fud from Fudpucker's

1. Health, happiness and prosperity for all my friends.
2. A boat dock at my house. Hah!

KELLYANNE BARTLESON

EmeraldCoastKids.org

I wish for no hunger, no crime, and kindness for all

Acceptance and inclusion—come on, we can do this, y'all

I wish for a lifetime of laughter with my non-judging friends close and afar

I wish for a magic mirror that shows us we are perfect just the way we are

I wish for my girls to grow up happy, giving and using their own minds
To be successful and confident in the paths they decide

I wish for Supermom powers that can clean, craft, learn and teach

Without distractions—I may enjoy reading, a movie, or even the beach

I wish for 20 more years with my husband and best friend
Family game nights and cabin trips... making memories til the end

Last but not least, a great big happy New Year's 2017 wish

Make every day count, always say "I love you" and don't forget that last hug and kiss

NATHANAEL FISHER

Emerald Coast Theatre Company

Elves that love to usher... a Santa sleigh that looks a lot like a cargo van... sweet seating with 50 or more cushiony chairs... reindeer that like to sew costumes and build sets... a Fundraising Frosty the Snowman... and a Public Relations Partridge in a pear tree.

CHRIS MANSON

Beachcomber Editor

A recount of the 1996 Academy Awards ballots, because there's no way *The English Patient* is a better film than *Fargo*. Also world peace, starting anywhere people can make it happen.



Beachcomber Editor Chris Manson gets his Grinch on with actor buddies Joe Chase and Karen Monroe from *Act4Murder*.

Christmas Gift Guide



A basket of goodies from Seaside's beloved Modica Market (starting at \$50) is sure to brighten up anyone's holiday. The gourmet grocery is located at 109 Seaside Central Square. Call 850-231-1214 or toll free 877-809-0994. Discover more at modicamarket.com. Or send a gift card.



Libbo Morgan's hand painted, personalized ornaments are sure to impress Santa and your other uninvited Christmas guests. Priced at \$14 and up, you can get yours by emailing libbomorgan@gmail.com. But don't wait too long. Check out more at Facebook.com/libbomorgan.

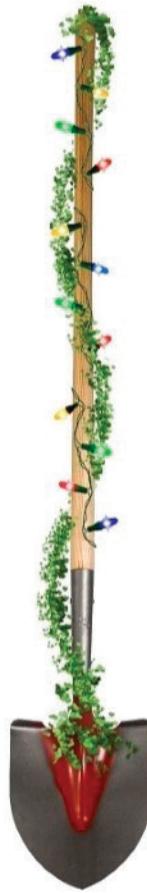


That special someone on your Christmas list will be delighted to uncork some fun in the sun with tickets to the 31st Sandestin Wine Festival, set for April 20-23, 2017 at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort. The festival is a picture-perfect event, complete with white tents, flowing wine, food, ladies strolling in hats, live music, tastings showcasing hundreds of domestic and international wines, and much more. Early bird ticket pricing starts at \$50. Visit SandestinWineFestival.com or call 866-91-BEACH (promo code WINE17).



A personalized drawing by award-winning artist Juan Francisco Adaro? Can you say Best Christmas Ever? Whether it's a pet or the entire family, Adaro just needs a few things—a photo of each person/pet appearing in the drawing, descriptions of each subject's personality traits and hobbies, size desired, and (this is crucial) a day or two to finish. Drawings are available in black and white or watercolor and come with a contemporary white frame. \$100-400 and worth every buck. Email adaro.art@gmail.com, call 561-985-5767, or stop by the Adaro Art Gallery at 51 Uptown Grayton Circle.

TIS THE SEASON TO DIG IN



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From the Archives

The Fat Man Is Tapped Out

By S. Claus

Hanging out along the Emerald Coast

sure as heck beats freezing your butt off at the North Pole. I don't care how long you live in a place, you never, *never* get used to those ice-cold sheets rubbing up against your tender skin after you've crawled into bed with Mrs. Claus.

I've decided to spend the holidays here in your lovely neck of the woods and leave all the Christmas work to my trusted elves. I doubt they'll complain. With today's economy, they're lucky they still have jobs.

But I'm no slacker, believe me. Between Destin Commons, Uptown Station, Seaside, Pier Park, Silver Sands, the malls and all the other places, Santa has been working hard to make this a Very Special Christmas to Remember.

The bad news is, like a lot of other businesses, Santa Claus, Inc. has been forced to cut costs. Gone is my state-of-the-art surveillance system, so you kids can breathe a little easier. This year, I have no idea if you're being good or bad, if you're sleeping or awake.

And while the price of fuel has gone down, the cost of reindeer food has reached staggering highs. If I don't make it down your chimney this Christmas,

it's not because you're not good little boys and girls. It's because the Fat Man is tapped out.

I plan to appear before Congress after New Year's, along with the Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy—we like to call ourselves "The Big Three"—to request a much-needed \$300 billion bailout. If there was another way, I'd certainly consider it. So in the spirit of Good Will Towards Men, please wish us luck. And while you're at it, drop your representatives and senator an email.

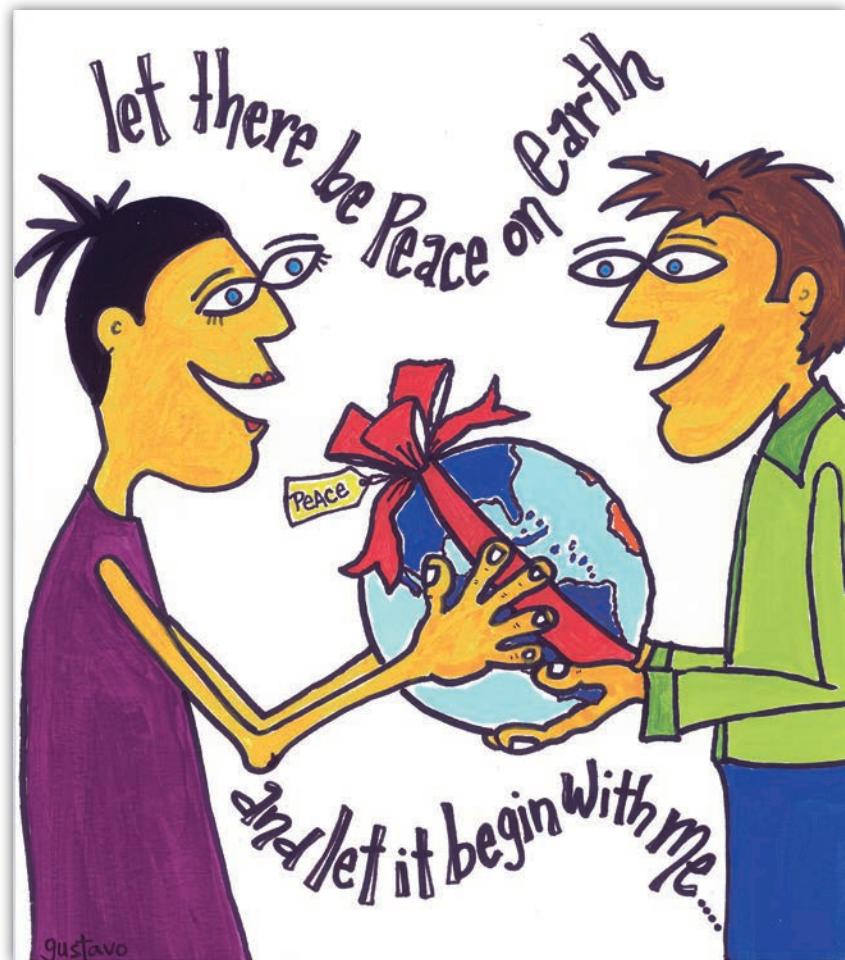
Santa's bag may be empty this Christmas, but my heart is full of love for all of you who believed in me and sent me all those letters (and emails and text messages) over the years.

And, to the kids who didn't scream in my ears or spit up on me, I'm eternally grateful.

To the wonderful people of Destin, Fort Walton Beach, South Walton, Niceville, Navarre, Panama City, Mossy Head, etc., thank you for welcoming me with open arms.

And don't call me a Snowbird.

This article originally appeared in the Dec. 11-24, 2008 edition of The Beachcomber.



Art by Gustavo, a/k/a Carmen Stiles. From our Christmas 2008 issue.

Beachcomberland Places

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BOOKSTORES

READ IT AGAIN Used and rare books. Browse inventory and shop online at www.readitagain1.com or just come see us at 703 John Sims Parkway in Niceville, just one block west of Niceville High School. Hours of operation are Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. We have a little bit of everything—popular reads, new releases, fiction, nonfiction, fantasy and science fiction, mystery and suspense, romance, history, military and so much more. 850-279-4646.

EDUCATIONAL

EMERALD COAST SCIENCE CENTER A unique museum allowing visitors to touch and use the exhibits, including optical illusions, a nature room and a wind tunnel. 31 SW Memorial Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-1261. www.ecscience.org.

FARMERS' MARKETS

30A FARMERS' MARKETS Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.

- GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS' MARKET AT SANDESTIN 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

- 30A FARMERS' MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY Sundays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

GOLF

REGATTA BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB This award-winning 18-hole course offers an extraordinary golfing experience for players of all skill levels and was named one of *Golf Digest's* Top Places to Play. Equipment rental available. 465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8080. www.regattabay.com.

SANTA ROSA GOLF & BEACH CLUB Referred to as the "Purest golf in the Florida Panhandle" by *Golf Magazine*, this 18-hole, par 72 course offers five sets of tees and a challenge for every skill level of handicap. Situated on 80 pristine acres in the heart of Santa Rosa Beach, this course has a unique character only found around the Highway 30A corridor. Holes three through five wind around a complex of dunes, all within a few hundred yards of the Gulf of Mexico. Dining, driving range, putting green and club rentals available. 334 Golf Club Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2229. www.santarosaclub.com.

MARINE PARKS/ AQUARIUMS

GULFARIUM MARINE ADVENTURE PARK Delight in watching dolphins leap and

sea lions play during spectacular shows! Or participate and interact directly with these and other remarkable marine animals including stingrays, seals and penguins during interactive programming (advance reservations required). Enjoy educational exhibits and beautiful ocean views. Open daily at 9 a.m. 1010 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-243-9046. www.gulfarium.com.

MUSEUMS

DESTIN HISTORY & FISHING MUSEUM Open year round, Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for holiday hours of operation. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and military and \$3 for children. 108 Stahlman Avenue, Destin, 850-837-6611.

INDIAN TEMPLE MOUND MUSEUM Artifacts and displays showing the rich Indian history of this area. 139 Hwy. 98SE, FWB, 850-833-9595.

MUSIC STORES

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PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children's playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin's early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Drive.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic moss draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 a.m. with the last tour at 3 p.m. The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather's restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park a.m.st has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

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12.8	Low High	11:44am 7:32pm	6:31am 4:46pm	55	
12.9	Low High	3:48am 7:14pm	6:32am 4:46pm	65	
12.10	Low High	4:27am 7:24pm	6:32am 4:46pm	76	
12.11	Low High	5:17am 7:50pm	6:33am 4:46pm	85	
12.12	Low High	6:12am 8:29pm	6:34am 4:47pm	92	
12.13	Low High	7:11am 9:13pm	6:34am 4:47pm	97	
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INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

LEGION BAY Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

MARIER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Rd, adjacent to Pompano Joe's.

TOPSAIL HILL STATE PRESERVE Two major freshwater coastal dune lakes are located within the 1,600-acre preserve. Campground entrance and day use entrance are located on West Scenic Highway 30-A, 1/4 mile south of U.S. 98. 850-267-0299. www.floridastateparks.org/topsailhill

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Chris Leavenworth, Destin Harvest

Interviewed by Charles Morgan III

Destin Harvest is a food rescue program that has distributed more than five million pounds of food to local feeding programs since 2007. It was founded by George Landegger, a part-time resident of our area.

Destin Harvest has four refrigerated box trucks and picks up high volume food donations from retail grocers and restaurants in Destin, Fort Walton Beach and Santa Rosa Beach. The foods are harvested daily and distributed at no charge to nearly 40 feeding programs. None of the food is warehoused. Distributing the food daily significantly reduces the time perishable items reach clients.

Chris Leavenworth is the director of Destin Harvest.

How did you get started with Destin Harvest?

Destin Harvest started out with a small refrigerated truck, one full-time driver, a part-time driver (me) and a director (Kim Moore). I was hired as a part-time driver in 2008 when I was working as a stock manager at Williams Sonoma. I was also attending school. I was 22 years old.

You were young. What have you learned?

I wasn't exceptionally aware of my surroundings or the needs of others at that point in my life. It was a job that I worked on the weekend, and it provided a supplemental income. I was naive, had preconceptions about the way things are, and in an excellent position to learn. Driving the truck opened my eyes to some unpleasant truths and made me think about the ones we serve.

Without having given much thought before, I questioned the purpose of helping people who I quickly assumed were lazy or made bad life decisions. I believe people are sometimes drawn to simple answers when they are uncomfortable about knowing the truth. I know I was.

What is it like out there when you deliver the food?

Within the first few months, I was presented with a healthy dose of cognitive dissonance. My predispositions about people in need couldn't reconcile with what I was seeing. It was not long before I made friends with some of the families and individuals that I would see on our



stops. Not only were these people not lazy or incompetent, I quickly realized how easily I could relate to them.

I've witnessed the homeless make themselves useful wherever they are. At feeding programs, they are generally the last to receive and the first to help bring food in and sort it out with the volunteers. I also learned that many of the chronically hungry don't have a long history of receiving assistance. Same goes for the homeless. Something happens to a person, or a household, that puts them in a position to seek out assistance. Nobody ever wants that. I kept thinking of how easily something like that could happen to me.

When did you commit to Destin Harvest full-time?

After six months of driving part-time, I was offered a full-time position as a coordinator. Michael Walsh had taken over as our new director. We began picking up foods from local grocers, increasing our volume exponentially. My job was to reach out to new feeding programs, add them to our route, monitor truck maintenance and food numbers, and drive a truck five days a week. We were delivering food to Crestview, Fort Walton Beach and Navarre and had over 20 recipient feeding programs.

Once we got the route and increased food volume nailed down, I built our

first website. I realized that I was doing something I really loved and wanted to make myself as useful as possible to the company. I had worked retail and restaurants my whole life, and I can't say I was ever too passionate about it. I had become so close to many of the volunteers and staff at the feeding programs I delivered to that I realized this was a great opportunity for me.

Willie Hutchins, who has been with us from the beginning, used to give me a hard time when I started. But he really wound up being a mentor to me. There were at least two days every week that we drove together and we talked a lot about the job and life. He was one of the first people to

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show me how little I know. He also taught me how to drive those 20-foot trucks. I'd say that he is a big part of how I developed as a person and how I approach this work.

What are the challenges for Destin Harvest?

The biggest challenge is getting people to understand that hunger is a real thing. I don't know what it is, but local hunger is not something most people get too worked up about. Hunger relief is recognized primarily in the fall—September is Hunger Month.

We need more local supporters. The operation cannot continue to grow until we can sustain the operation with local funds. We are able to acquire food much cheaper than what it costs for someone to purchase canned items. Plus, we are able to get perishable items that tend to be more nutritious than items food banks and pantries generally get from canned food drives. One pound of food only costs Destin Harvest 13 cents a pound.

What's a normal day like for Chris Leavenworth?

It can be anything from jumping on a truck and helping out on the route, meeting with a new feeding program, checking in on existing feeding programs, getting trucks repaired, maintenance, bookkeeping, and anything else that needs to be done. I also apply for grants when there is an opportunity.

You've got a family?

I met my wife Anya when she was working at Bed, Bath and Beyond, right before I started at Williams Sonoma. I was a mess. I lived in Choctaw Beach with a friend, and we played a lot of music and didn't always pay our bills. I met her in the winter, and we didn't have electricity at my place. I have no idea what she saw in me, but she cleaned me up pretty good. My Pop,

Mike, told me that Christmas that I had better not let her go. We got married that spring. James, our son, is seven years old. Anya and I have been married almost 10 years now.

You like your job?

The work has been truly rewarding. I couldn't ask for a better job. I actually am scared of ever having to settle for less if anything ever

happened to Destin Harvest. This job has taught me so much about people and circumstances. I've made so many wonderful friends from all the different programs we deliver to and the businesses we work with. I don't think I could have found these people any other way.

I'm also fortunate to have time for my own life and family. Not many people have that. I'm extremely lucky.



“A Christmas Carol” in Concert at NWF State College



Charles Dickens' immortal classic *A Christmas Carol* takes a delightful twist **Dec. 1-3** in a customized adaption by Northwest Florida State College that combines vibrant song and dance along with drama, period costumes and narration to portray the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, Bob Cratchit and the spirits of Christmas.

Included in the \$25 ticket price are Victorian style desserts and beverages. New menu selections and new music enhance this year's offering of the popular holiday event, which has expanded to offer four performances in the Sprint Theater of the college's Mattie Kelly Arts Center.

A Christmas Carol: In Concert performances are at 7:30 p.m. Dec.

1 and 2, and at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3. Contact the Box Office at 850-729-6000 or purchase online at MattieKellyArtsCenter.org. Early purchase is strongly recommended, as the event has sold out the past several years.

More than 50 talented NWF State College vocalists, dancers and theater students appear in the production. Through select scenes taken from Dickens' novella, the timeless tale of forgiveness and redemption unfolds in its entirety through song, dance and narration.

The cast includes **Michael Brooks** of Crestview as the adult Ebenezer Scrooge; **Madison Anderson** of

Crestview, who appears throughout the production as the show's narrator; **Drew Hardy** of Fort Walton Beach as Bob Cratchit, the long-suffering accountant at Scrooge's business; and **Emmalee Ferguson** of Niceville as Tiny Tim. The young Ebenezer is played by **Ken Jakob Angell** of Niceville.

The famous ghosts of *A Christmas Carol* are portrayed by **Joshua Birdsong** of Destin, **Alayshia Green** of Fort Walton Beach, and **Malinda Locke** of Niceville. **Alexis Guessford** of Santa Rosa Beach plays Mrs. Cratchit, and the Cratchit children are played by **Madison Smith** of Niceville, **Dakota Welborn** of Fort Walton Beach, and **Abigayle Ferguson** of Niceville.

NWF State College faculty and staff

direct the show, including director and choreographer **Joseph Taylor**, assistant director **Anthony Borella**, music director **Allison Everitt**, and Belle Voci director and pianist **Lois Henry**.

The menu for the event (served at intermission) includes baked brie and dried cherry tartlets, pomegranate and vanilla crème tartlets, hazelnut and fig tartlets, triple chocolate and orange mini cupcakes, gingerbread brownies, eggnog fudge, peppermint meringues, cranberry scones, pistachio goat cheese log, red velvet cake truffles, cranberry lime spritzer punch, gingerbread hot chocolate, regular coffee with assorted creamers, sweet and unsweet tea, and water.

- *Sylvia Bryan*

Books

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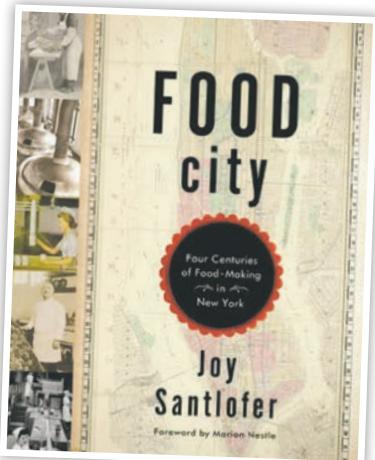
Joy Santlofer

Food City: Four Centuries of Food-Making in New York

W.W. Norton

The late Joy Santlofer did not live to see this book finished, a task that was fulfilled by family and friends. This is more than a shallow piece on Big Apple noshing. It starts with Dutch settlers sitting in their huts pining for Old Country victuals, and ends in the present day. Santlofer chronicles bread, beer, crackers, butchers, distillers, sugar, coffee, labor unions, sanitation, and the clash of artisanal and mass-produced food. There's social and economic history, but somehow it's never dull. A good portion of the book is devoted to notes, and there are plenty of maps and illustrations.

- Bruce Collier



EDITOR'S PICKS

Linwood Barclay, *The Twenty-Three*. The follow-up to *Far From True*, published earlier this year, and the apparent conclusion to Barclay's first-rate Promise Falls saga. But I sure hope not.

Lee Child, *Night School*. An interesting twist on the Jack Reacher formula, which goes back to our hero's Army days and includes a final showdown that makes me think the book's release on Election Day was no coincidence.

Phil Collins, *Not Dead Yet: The Memoir*. If you're the least bit interested in this, get the audiobook, which is unabridged and narrated by Collins himself. And bear witness to this undervalued musicmaker's triumphant return to the recording studio.

- Chris Manson

UPCOMING BOOKS

DEC. 6

Mike Dooley, *Life on Earth: Understanding Who We Are, How We Got Here, and What May Lie Ahead*

Tim Ferriss, *Tools of Titans: The Tactics, Routines, and Habits of Billionaires, Icons, and World-Class Performers*

Erle Stanley Gardner, *The Knife Slipped (Hard Case Crime)* (Paperback)

Mark Greaney, *Tom Clancy's True Faith and Allegiance: A Jack Ryan Novel*

Melissa Hartwig, *The Whole30 Cookbook*

Steve Harvey, *Jump: Take the Leap of Faith to Achieve Your Life of Abundance*

Thomas Lake and Jodi Enda (Editor), *Unprecedented: The Election That Changed Everything*

Michael Lewis, *The Undoing Project: A Friendship That Changed Our Minds*

Steve Portigal, *Doorbells, Danger, and Dead Batteries: User Research War Stories* (Paperback)

Nora Roberts, *Island of Glass (Guardians Trilogy)* (Paperback)

Al Yellon, *A Season for the Ages: How the 2016 Chicago Cubs Brought a World*

Sources: www.amazon.com, www.netgalley.com

*Series Championship to the North Side
The World Almanac and Book of Facts 2017* (Paperback)

DEC. 13

David Chang, et.al., *Lucky Peach Issue 21: The Los Angeles Issue* (Paperback)

Linda Collister, *The Great British Bake Off: Perfect Cakes & Bakes to Make at Home*

Shannon Hale and Dean Hale, Illustrated by LeUyen Pham, *The Princess in Black and the Hungry Bunny Horde* (Paperback)

Christiane Northrup M.D., *Making Life Easy: A Simple Guide to a Divinely Inspired Life*

James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein, Illustrated by Joe Sutphin, *Word of Mouse*

Morgan Rhodes, *Crystal Storm: A Falling Kingdoms Novel*

James Rollins, *The Seventh Plague: A Sigma Force Novel*

Rick Steves: *Italy 2017* (Paperback)

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Incarnate. Aaron Eckhart, Carice van Houten.
Jackie. Natalie Portman, Peter Sarsgaard.
Man Down. Shia LaBeouf, Jai Courtney.
Things to Come (L'avenir). Isabelle Huppert, Andre Marcon.



DEC. 9

Frank & Lola. Imogen Poots, Justin Long.
Friend Request. Alycia Debnam-Carey, William Moseley.
La La Land. Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone.
Le Tout Nouveau Testament. Benoit Poelvoorde, Catherine Deneuve.
Office Christmas Party. Jennifer Aniston, Jason Bateman.
Slash. Jessica LownDES, Joe Anderson.

UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES



DEC. 6

Don't Think Twice. Keegan-Michael Key, Gillian Jacobs.
Jason Bourne. Matt Damon, Tommy Lee Jones.
The Secret Life of Pets. Animated; voices of Louis CK, Eric Stonestreet, Kevin Hart.
World Series Champions: Chicago Cubs. Can we get a hell yeah?



DEC. 13

Ben-Hur. Jack Huston, Nazanin Boniadi.
Bridget Jones's Baby. Renee Zellweger, Colin Firth.
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Upstairs or Downstairs Snacking and Dining, Grayton Beach Style

My family and I ate at Chiringo on a recent weekend, when the weather was beginning to suggest autumn. The restaurant is in Grayton Beach, just on the other side of the dunes. It occupies a street corner wooden structure, and has two stories.

The ground floor is divided into an open-front counter tapas bar and the main bar, which has elevated tables and seating. Upstairs is a more conventional dining room, with two- and four-tops, plus a little dining alcove. The furnishing is casual and beachy, with wood, glass and metal, painted and unpainted. The upstairs dining room is well ventilated, and the staff can adjust windows and shutters to temper any unfriendly weather.

The menu is the same all day, and it's possible to snack or chow down as the spirit moves you. There are appetizers, a salad, sandwiches, rice bowls, fried baskets, a "chill bar," and a kids menu. Our server Bobbie took drink orders and left us to make up our minds.

We were all hungry, so we decided to give the menu a good run. My five-year-old daughter Grace (the Tiny Diner) found the dining room somehow very stimulating, and had trouble staying seated. Fortunately the place is casual, and nobody minded the two of us straying onto the porch to get a view of the Grayton scene. A strawberry lemonade lured her (and me) back to the table, where my wife had already made up her mind.

We started off with grouper frituras, two-bite chunks of fried grouper with aioli and tomato-cucumber salsa. TD isn't much on apps, but she helped out this time. The tender and succulent fish was lightly breaded with rice flour, giving it an extra crunch.



Other starters were albondigas, ground beef meatballs in a tomato rioja sauce, topped with shredded Manchego and green onion; and shrimp crujidos, sourdough toast topped with roasted red pepper hummus, blackened shrimp salad and mixed olive tapanede. The chill bar offers oysters on the half shell by the dozen or the half-dozen, roasted mahi escabeche with caperberries, pickled vegetables and lavash, and shrimp cocktail with a side of pineapple salsa. They all sounded great.

For the main course, TD chose a children's meal of rice flour-fried shrimp with a fruit cup. My wife ordered a roasted pork butt sandwich with aioli, pineapple salsa, cilantro, arugula and tomato on toasted brioche bun. I ordered the Chiringo burger, two four-ounce patties with white cheddar, pepper jack, arugula, tomatoes, caramelized onions and a house-made "awesome sauce," also on toasted brioche. Both of our main courses came with fries.

We had arrived early, but by the time the apps had come the place was filling up, with three families (one celebrating a birthday) and a number of kids. TD stared intently at them, a sure sign that she wanted to go over and introduce herself, but she's a leisurely enough diner as it is. She ate half her meal (with our consent Bobby had brought

TD's food out right away) and was about to wiggle away when our food arrived. Bobbie may have been monitoring the situation.

It's a good thing we were hungry. Both sandwiches were extra large—mine had height as well as breadth. The brioche buns were plump and buttery. The fries—shoestring style—were piled in a small haystack. I immediately cut my burger in two. There was no way I was going to finish it all at lunch. The twin patties were juicy and flavorful. The toppings—sweet onions, tangy cheese and just the right amount of the sauce (a blend of ketchup, worcestershire, spices, et. al.)—held it all together. Half was plenty. The fries just had to be finished.

My wife's piled-up pork was melty and savory, and the pineapple salsa (with hot pepper) cut deftly through the richness. She finished her sandwich but took most of the fries home.

Other main course options are Chiringo mixed green salad (available with various proteins), grouper sandwich, rice bowls with roasted mojo pork, grouper, chicken or vegetables, and fried shrimp or chicken baskets.

Chiringo offers one dessert—Li'l Chubbys, vanilla ice cream sandwiches made with thick chocolate chip cookies.

We asked for a single order, which turned out to be two sandwiches sitting on a mound of chocolate ganache. They're a tricky cross between finger- and spoon-food. Very tasty, but I'd suggest you bring someone along to share. Like the name says, they're Li'l, but Chubby.

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Cakemasters – Back and Better Than Ever

By Samantha Lambert

The first sense that is awakened upon walking in **Cakemasters Bakery** in Fort Walton Beach is your sense of smell. The sweet smells of cakes, cookies, and pies hits you first. Then your sense of sight is enticed by the array of cookies, pastries and breads arranged in the glass cases. Wonderful memories start to come alive in your mind of Sunday morning breakfasts of crumb cake and Danish.

Bob Schomburg and his wife Elizabeth opened Cakemasters on Beal Parkway in Fort Walton Beach in March 1971. "We were living in Mobile at that time and Dad would come over here on weekends to fish," says Bob and Elizabeth's daughter **Lisa**. "He loved fishing and the Gulf. The building that housed the bakery was found by a fine lady named Louise Stone."

Lisa says her parents acquired only half of the building at that time and that when they opened the bakery on Beal, her mother found an old Coca-Cola sign and painted Cakemasters Bakery on it.

"Everything was woods in that area back then. Our first customers were a child and his mother walking through the neighborhood. The child told his mother he smelled a bakery, and they came in and became regular customers."

Bob, who passed away in February at age 81, was a third generation master baker by the age of 21. Bob's father and grandfather were both born in Germany and trained in baking. Bob's father came to America in the early 1900s and settled in Philadelphia, where he ran a bakery for 30 years.

When Bob was eight years old and working in his father's bakery, he started studying the old world traditional style of baking. After finishing his apprenticeship, Bob worked at different ethnic bakeries. He learned baking styles from different cultures such as German, Italian, Polish, French, Cuban, Jewish and Spanish.

Lisa started working in the Philadelphia bakery when she was six. At age 10, she was doing the cleaning in the bakery, and at 14 was working for a paycheck. She graduated from Choctawhatchee High School in 1978. In 1999, she left a successful business career with an international gingerbread manufacturer to return to the family business.



Just three of Cakemasters' satisfied customers—Fort Walton Beach resident Linda Mubarak and kids Tariq and Fida.

Photo by Samantha Lambert.

Lisa also became a master baker and worked side by side with her father making wonderful baked goods until his death. "He loved baking, his customers, and he loved having his picture taken," says Lisa. Elizabeth Schomburg passed away in 1999.

In May of this year, Lisa had to vacate the building in which Cakemasters Bakery had been located for 45 years. Bob Hope Village offered its kitchen so Lisa could fulfill wedding cake orders. Other longtime customers stepped up to help her in any way they could.

Today, Cakemasters Bakery is back and better than ever. The new address is 105 Beach Drive, near the intersection of Eglin Parkway and

Racetrack Road behind the Pizza Hut building.

"Growing up in Fort Walton Beach, our family always went to Cakemasters for our bakery items," says local **Marie Slade**. "As an adult, I chose to make Cakemasters my go-to bakery. From birthdays, graduations, and my parents' 50th anniversary, Cakemasters made the cake. I was elated to hear that Cakemasters had opened in a new location."

Linda Mubarak and her children, Tariq and Fida, stopped in on the day Lisa was being interviewed for this story. "I love this bakery!" says Mubarak. "I come here for butter and cream cakes and cinnamon rolls which are so delicious."

Lisa says the custom-made cakes are the mainstay of the bakery. There are dozens of different cake flavors with almost any flavor of filling and icing that you want. "At Christmas, we sell tons of cookies. The ragulah cookies are very popular."

She adds that her personal holiday favorite is the Christmas Stollen, a mixed-fruit sweetbread. "I have it every Christmas morning with my coffee and sit by the tree," says Lisa. She recommends that customers order early for their holiday goodies.

For me, Cakemasters brought back sweet memories of growing up in Fort Walton Beach in the 1970s. Some things never change.

Wanna Know a Secret?

By Joni Williams

If Navarre is Florida's best kept secret, then Ye Olde Brothers Brewery is Navarre's. It shouldn't be. This place serves up some of the best in-house beer we've ever sampled in Florida. No joke.

Tucked away in a standalone set of buildings off Highway 87, about 10 minutes north of the Navarre Beach sign and its infamous quote, this family-owned brewpub is a little off the beaten path. So when we walked in around two-ish on a recent Saturday—usually a slow time for pubs—we expected to see a lot of empty chairs. Instead, the bar was packed to capacity and the many dining tables, nearly so.

It didn't take long to find out why. For starters, they have a cozy selection of interesting wine—DeLuna Pomegranate, anyone?—alongside some of the best names in craft and German beer, bottled and on tap. Prices start at around \$4.50 unless you hit Happy Hour from 3 to 6 p.m., when you'll save a buck a beer.

Even so, it's the house brews, made onsite, that really steal the show. Soon to be rotated seasonals included a well-balanced Pumpkin ale along with one of our personal faves, a buzz worthy Double IPA. Hello, 10 percent ABV! And the brewer promises a just-as-tempting chocolate stout is coming soon.

We stuck to the basics with a flight of their staid, year round varieties—an

IPA, wheat, stout and porter. And honestly, we expected to be at least a little disappointed with one or two. Navarre isn't exactly known for its fine beer. Beaches, yes. Beer, no.

But it is now. Or should be, as these beers were all excellent in flavor, carbonation and presentation, served up in customized glassware set on a traditional wood block. The Blackwater Stout was deliciously earthy and dark, almost coffee-ish, and like Guinness, nitro-carbonated. Only a million times tastier. But then, we've never met a stout we didn't like.

What almost knocked us off our bar stool, though, was the Panhandle Porter. A lot of porters we try are just too syrupy or musky to strike our fancy. But as the ever-wise Goldilocks once said, the PP was just right. Perfect, even. Malty and naturally sweet, balanced and super smooth, it may be the best locally brewed porter we've ever tried. And we've tried a few.

Likewise, the dry hopped East Bay IPA was spot-on flavor wise, with hints of citrus and spice and a finish of oh-so-gentle bitters that nibble instead of bite the tongue. Regardless of its too-high-to-qualify seven percent ABV, this could break the rules and be a session IPA based on its smooth, excellent taste and drinkability.

With three winners under our getting-tighter-by-the-second belts, you'd think we'd have found at least one brew to nitpick. But no... The Black Bear Honey Wheat was also golden



perfection—smooth, slightly sweet and subtly hoppy.

There was one negative to our visit. We went after lunch and before a planned dinner elsewhere. Big mistake. If you go, go hungry. The food, we hear, is as good as the brews, especially the smoked onsite meats and wood-fired pizzas cooked to perfection in high tech, monitored ovens.

Nothing here is pricey, either. A large pizza with the works costs \$14.99 and a cheese pie \$7.99. And good luck resisting their crack desserts. Bourbon soaked pecan pie, New York cheesecake and triple chocolate cake, where have you been all my life? Right here in Navarre, obviously. Who knew?

With a staff that's beyond friendly, it's easy to see why the locals flock to this place. And if you're a carpetbagger, no worries. If you go, they'll welcome you like one of their own. And you should go.



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If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at chris@beachcomberdestin.com!

AMERICAN

CALLAHAN'S A long-time favorite of Destin locals, Callahan's Restaurant & Deli lives up to its name, offering one of the town's most varied selections of deli sandwiches, salads, and full-on meals, with everything from quiche to barbecue. Steaks and chops are a perennial favorite, along with comforting meals of pot roast, prime rib, seafood platters, and some fancier regular and special items. Lunch and dinner; beer, wine and mixed drinks, \$3-20. 791 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-6328/837-7171. www.callahansdestin.com. www.facebook.com/callahansdestin.

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Destin's first true burger bar has it all - Burgers, Bourbon and Beer! Charlie's has a selection of 17 different burgers from lamb, Black Angus, wild boar, bison, even Ostrich. If you don't want one of the already built burgers, make your own. Select the bun you would like, then the protein, pick your cheese and your sides. The soon to be famous deep fried pickles are to die for. Or live a little and go for Charlie's Funky Fries topped with different types of cheeses. Happy hour daily from 3-6 p.m. Open at 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$3-32, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex, 850-424-7695. www.CharliesBurgerBar.com.

HOOTERS Wings, shrimp, burgers and more. Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sun.-Thu., 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Fri. and Sat. Happy hour Mon.-Fri., 3-6 p.m. and 9 p.m.-close. 15015 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin, 850-654-1007. hootersonline.com.

ASIAN

LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming a.m. sphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, among many others. Beer and wine. \$2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

BARBECUE

LILLIE'S Q Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

BREAKFAST & MORE

ANOTHER BROKEN EGG CAFÉ is the Emerald Coast's premier breakfast, brunch and lunch destination. Sip on one of our award-winning, house infused Bloody Marys while you dine on breakfast classics, memorable brunch dishes or lunchtime favorites. Grand Boulevard – 755 Grand Boulevard, Suite B-107, Miramar Beach,

850-424-3416. Sandestin – 9100 Baytowne Wharf Boulevard, Suite A-4, 850-622-2050. www.anotherbrokenegg.com.

ASIAGO'S SKILLET There's no place like it. Open daily from midnight till noon. Try your hand at our one-of-a-kind Crab Cake Benny, mouth watering Bananas Foster French Toast or our classic American Breakfast. We've got something for everyone. Plus, don't miss out on our Build Your Own Bloody Mary Bar, complete with infused vodkas, every weekend. Truly breakfast at its best. 110 Amberjack Drive, Okaloosa Island, 850-586-7998. New location in Destin! 300 Harbor Blvd., 850-424-4160. www.facebook.com/asiago.skillet.

BLUE COLLAR CAFE Made to order breakfast and lunch served all day. House made bagels. Full coffee bar with Maas coffee and espresso roasted at the cafe. Home of the famous BOB (breakfast on a bagel) and New York style lox and house-mixed cream cheese. Salads and sides, homemade scones and sweets. Open Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 104 Hollywood Blvd. SW, Fort Walton Beach.

THE BREAKFAST TABLE Locally owned and operated. From 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. enjoy a full service breakfast of eggs your way or omelets and sides, pancakes or waffles, Eggs Benedict in various tasty styles (crab cake, salmon or Sardou), Breakfast Sundae or a Granna B's Bullseye and more. Add a Bloody Mary or Mimosa. Lunch starts at 11 and offers a variety of hot or cold deli sandwiches (Boar's Head meats and cheeses), homemade soups and daily specials. Beer and wine. Call 850-460-7322 for reservations or visit thebreakfasttabledestin.com.

THE DONUT HOLE Breakfast, donuts, sandwiches, salads, burgers and more. 635 U.S. 98 E, Destin, 850-837-8824.

THE DONUT HOLE 6745 U.S. 98 W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3239.

THE DONUT HOLE 12983 U.S. 98 E, Inlet Beach, 850-213-3127.

THE LOCAL MARKET Open 7 a.m.-3 p.m. daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

THE PANCAKERY Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, salads, wraps, and loaded potatoes. Now serving bloody marys, mimosas and cold beer. 960 Hwy 98 East, Suite 104, Destin. 850-269-0791.

TOMMY MATTONIE'S Looking for upscale breakfast options? We offer 13 different Eggs Benedict and numerous specialty waffles. Trip Advisor honored us with a Certificate of Excellence for 2015. Our list of New Orleans style po-boys for lunch is just as extensive as the Eggs Benedict selections. We serve only local fresh bay shrimp and offer some of the best slow smoked BBQ in FWB. We also serve salads, Floribbean tacos, soups and daily specials. Check Facebook for our daily specials. Open 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day except Mondays. Located at 723 Eglin Parkway NE in FWB near

the Shalimar Bridge. 850-862-0895. www.tommymattonies.com.

BURGERS

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Burgers, bourbon and beer. Pick from 18 burgers or build your own. Over 50 beers and bourbons, funky French fries, milk shakes for all ages. Located at 2 Harbor Blvd. in HarborWalk Village's Crab Island Cantina Complex, Destin, 850-424-7695.

CASUAL DINING

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HOG'S BREATH CAFE A local favorite located in the heart of Destin, Hog's Breath offers a varied menu selection, from seafood tacos to BBQ platters. Sit inside or enjoy the beautiful Emerald Coast weather, all while listening to live local entertainment. Fun for the entire family. Open daily, 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. 541 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-5991. "Hog's Breath is better than no breath at all!" www.hogsbreath.com/destin.

CATERING

BIG RED TRUCK Specializing in private events and full service catering. 850-737-1185. destinfoodtrucks.com.

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CONTEMPORARY

BUD & ALLEY'S This Seaside perennial just keeps getting better. Lunch and dinner daily, with a varying menu offering grilled, roasted, and sautéed fish and shellfish, quail, chicken, pork, and plenty of interesting accompaniments. Full bar, \$4-34. 2236 CR30A East, Seaside, 850-231-5900.

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

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70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008.
www.theredbar.com.

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FOOD TRUCKS

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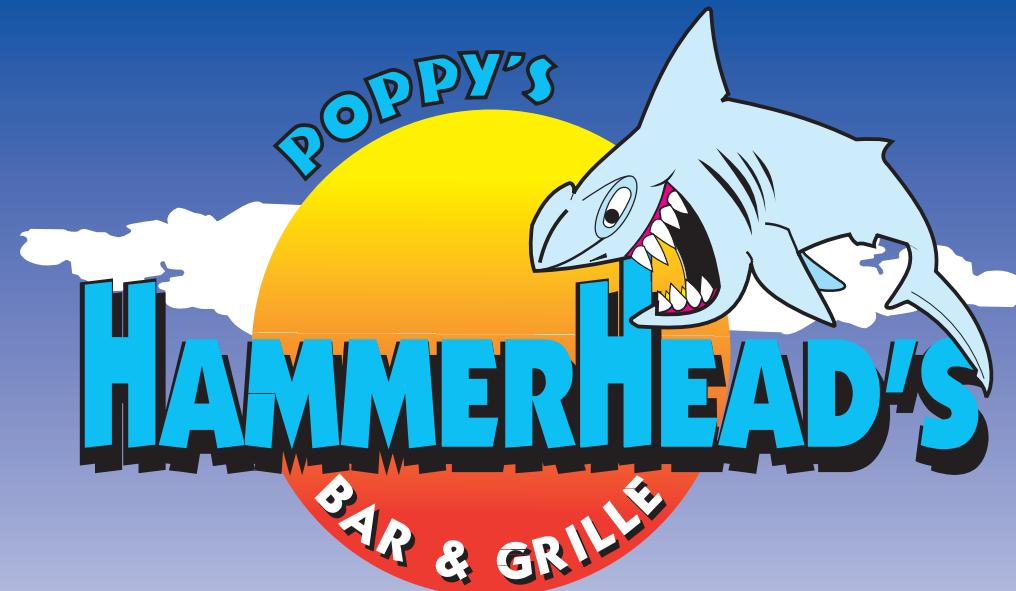
GERMAN/AMERICAN

FOKKERS PUB German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there's something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

HEALTHY DINING

GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each

with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, georgesatalsyseach.net.



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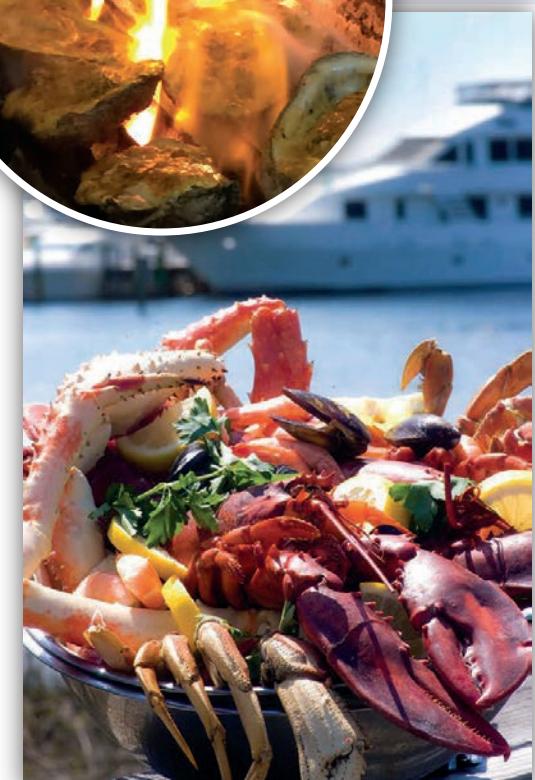
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IRISH

JOHNNY MCTIGHE'S Ireland on Scenic 30-A, a unique outpost of food and drink in Santa Rosa Beach. McTighe's opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 2 a.m. the next day. In between, the all-day menu offers an Irish grand slam of a breakfast, fish and chips, wings, pizza, and an array of hearty sandwiches, including Irish reuben, Philly cheese steak, burgers, chicken and hot dogs. There's even Maine lobster bisque. Full bar, \$4 - 21. 2298 Scenic Highway 30-A West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-0101. www.johnnymctighesirishpub.com.

ITALIAN

LA FAMIGLIA ON THE HARBOR Famous classic family recipes served by the generations that have perfected them together, paired with a

diverse wine list. Dine overlooking the beautiful sunsets over the Destin Bridge and East Pass. Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Happy hour daily, 3-6 p.m. 2 Harbor Blvd., Suite 200, Destin, 850-424-7441. www.lafamigliadestin.com.

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy--beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5-8. 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

LATIN / MEXICAN

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food,

featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you're hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. www.CrabIslandCantina.com.

LA COCINA MEXICAN GRILL & BAR Since 2009, La Cocina has served traditional Tex-Mex fare with a coastal twist in a fun, festive atmosphere. We prepare all of our dishes from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. La Cocina is nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach in Seacrest Beach. Menu highlights include Tacos de Camerones with grilled shrimp, shredded lettuce, habanero pickled onions and feta cheese; the Pollo Fundido with shredded chicken and sour cream (chimichanga style) topped with cheese; and the Lobster Quesadilla with lobster, crab, shrimp and cheese topped with chipotle aioli and fruit salsa. Saturdays and Sundays, enjoy \$7 specialty cocktails during football season. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 10343 East CR-30A, Panama City Beach, 850-231-4021, lacocina30a.net.

LA PAZ offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. www.lapazdestin.com.

PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. \$4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. www.mypepitos.com.

PIZZA & PASTA

CRUST PIZZERIA We strive to make the very best pizza. We make our own dough and sauce and grate the finest whole milk mozzarella. We make our own meatballs, slice the Italian sweet sausages, chop the fresh vegetables, then assemble your pizza just for you and bake it to perfection in a brick oven. Eat-in, takeout and delivery. Wine and craft beers. Open Mon.-Sat., 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sundays, 4-10 p.m. 104 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-2990. destinrustypizzeria.com.

CRUST PIZZERIA Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 433 Page Bacon Rd., Mary Esther, 850-737-2121.

CRUST PIZZERIA Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 1826 Lewis Turner Blvd., Fort Walton Beach, 850-737-2299.

LANDSHARK'S PIZZA Daily happy hour, 3-6 p.m. and full liquor bar plus award-winning pizza and wings. 360 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-6743. www.LandsharksPizza.com.

MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk

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REDBRICK PIZZA Fresh fire-roasted pizzas, fazzani sandwiches and gourmet Italian gelato ice cream. We use only Qualita superior Italian cheeses and premium ingredients. Savor the passion of a century-old Italian tradition. Locations are Destin Commons next to Rave Motion Pictures, 850-424-5990; and Pier Park, Panama City Beach, 850-236-1413. Hours are Sun.-Thurs., 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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SEAFOOD

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CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. \$5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 a.m.-9 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 p.m. 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. info@emeraldgrande.com.

HARBOR DOCKS on the historic Destin Harbor has been serving simply prepared Gulf to table seafood from its own market since 1979. Offering hearty breakfasts, a lunch menu featuring blue plate specials alongside authentic Thai dishes, and the area's best sushi by world famous Chef Yoshie Eddings. In addition to traditional Gulf seafood dishes, there is something for everyone. 538 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-2506. [harbordocks.com](http://www.harbordocks.com).

HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE Located in HarborWalk Village right on the beautiful Destin Harbor, Harry T's has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet

Fritzapalooza



On Sunday, November 13, a bunch of good folks came together for the **Friends for Fritz** fundraiser at Harry T's in HarborWalk Village in support of **Fritz Wayner**, who is battling Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer. Fritz is perhaps best known to *Beachcomber* readers as the friendly fellow behind the bar at the Swizzle Stick Lounge on Okaloosa Island.

Event co-organizer **Tim Morinelli** tells us the evening raised over \$14,000. "It made me tear up," says Morinelli. "It just shows how genuinely helpful people in this town can be and how truly incredible Fritz is as a man."

Morinelli's band Flash Flood kicked off the event's entertainment, followed by a Bo Adams-Brandon Day collaboration that Diki Ross dubbed "Bo-Day-Scious." Beachcomber Music Award winner Hope Given also performed, along with RoshamBeatles, the Fab Four tribute band featuring members of Roshambo along with Ross and Chris Hayes. Flash Flood's Rusty Morinelli kept things moving as MC.

"It was the people that put it together that were absolutely the grease that drove this cart," says Tim. "Dan Empson, Paula Mitchell, Bonita Destin, Dawn Ledford and Russ Jackson, Michelle Fiona, Susan Chang, Matt Leon, and the whole Harry T's crew. Way too many to list here."

You can still make a difference by making a donation at gofundme.com/fritz-medical-fund-2uh7wxjg.

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hamburgers, there's something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. info@harryts.co.

LOCAL CATCH has established itself as a Hot Spot for fresh coastal cuisine with superior customer service. Dine in daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and enjoy Happy Hour Mon.-Fri., 3-5 p.m. Join us every Sunday for live music from 3 to 7 p.m. 3711 West Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-2022. www.localcatch30a.com.

OLD BAY STEAMER Wide variety of fresh steamed seafood served in every imaginable

combination. Choose from crab, shrimp, lobster, oysters, clams, mussels, and fresh catch of the day. Pasta and steak/seafood pairings also offered. Friendly, efficient service. Open daily for dinner, with full bar. \$4-27, 102 Santa Rosa Blvd., Okaloosa Island, 664-2795.

ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK

Located on the water. The Crab Shack serves crab, shrimp, oysters, mussels, scallops and assorted local fish in an informal and family-friendly a.m. sphere. Crab steamer buckets, fried seafood baskets, sandwiches and po-boys, and some land-based items. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Daily specials, inside and outside dining. Full bar. \$3-45. 104 Miracle Strip Pkwy., Fort Walton Beach. 850-664-0345.

Thankful



Beachcomber Publisher (among other things) **Charles Morgan III** welcomes David and Donna from Greenwell Springs, Louisiana to the annual Harbor Docks Thanksgiving Feast in Destin.

Photo by Chris Manson.

According to Eddie Morgan, over 2,000 dinners were served at this year's Harbor Docks Thanksgiving Feast (and at least one cocktail when Beachcomber Editor Chris Manson stopped in). Even better—the event raised over \$23,000 for Destin Harvest and Habitat for Humanity. Well done, Beachcomberland!

"We are fortunate to be able to hold our Thanksgiving event every year," says **Charles Morgan III**, who greeted folks at the door. "We are fortunate to have wonderful workers who work tirelessly year after year when they could be doing anything else."

"We are fortunate to have great volunteers who could spend the day on a couch watching football. We are fortunate to have a restaurant that has been successful for 37 years."

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SALTWATER GRILL We provide a relaxing, casual atmosphere designed to heighten the enjoyment of our customers' dining experience. Most of our tables have entertaining views of a 25,000-gallon aquarium filled with exotic fish. Become mesmerized by the soothing sounds of **Michael Rorah**, our singing pianist, who plays Tuesday through Saturday evenings. Lobsters available for viewing and choosing at the front of the restaurant. Open 4-10 p.m. 1100 Hutchinson Blvd., Panama City Beach, 850-230-2739, saltwatergrillpcb.com.

parking, and live entertainment five nights a week from *Billboard*-charting recording artist Michael J Thomas (upon availability). Open seven days a week at 5 p.m. For reservations, call 850-837-RUTH (7884) or visit www.RuthsChrisDestin.com.

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SUSHI

JACKACUDAS SEAFOOD & SUSHI is a locally-owned seafood and sushi restaurant overlooking the historic Destin Harbor. The name derives from a famous fishing hole located 34 miles southwest of the Destin Harbor at 30°04.250N and 87°02.125W. Specializing in fresh, locally sourced seafood and products to provide our guests with classic Gulf Coast seafood dishes with New South culinary preparation. Open daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. 56 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-424-3507. www.jackacudas.com.

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Share Joy This Christmas

By Steven A. Davies

It is time to say, "Merry Christmas" and to share joy. Yet as I look into the faces of people both near and far, it seems as though joy is in short supply. What many look at as being a wonderful time of the year is for many others a time of gloom. The world in which we live is one filled with problems, anxiety, frustration and angst.

The reality so many fail to realize is that the God of all creation is among us. The prophet Zephaniah of the Old Testament said this:

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

- Zephaniah 3:17 (ESV)

You may wonder if God cares about you, notices you or is aware of you. The prophet wrote that God cares, takes notice and is intimately aware of you. The declaration that the Lord God is in your midst tells us of His closeness to humanity. Whether it is the face of the super moon in the sky or an infant, we can see the hand of God. And in the

darkest moments of life and on life's mountaintops, we can know He is near.

God takes notice of us and cares for us. The prophet said He rejoices over us! That is a powerful promise in fulfillment. I remember when my children played high school sports and while watching them play, I was so interested in them and their performance. As a father, there is nothing like hearing your child's name being announced over the speaker system for a great play.

God is our Father, and He rejoices with unlimited intensity. He rejoices over you! Whether in life as we are making the great play or when we have fallen, He rejoices over us.

And even when life is not working out, we are told, *He will save us!* To save means to bring to safety from peril. In this, we discover God has an awesome

plan and purpose for us, and it is to know and love Him. And as I know and love Him, I become the recipient of His quieting peace.

You are loved by God. Never forget that truth. He has an amazing plan for your life. Get to know Him and then love Him. Then that wonderful promise of God who is the Father who cares for you, takes notice of you, and is intimately aware of you comes to fruition as you realize He is exulting (rejoicing) over you with loud singing.

At Christmas we celebrate once again know that God has come near and He continues to be in our midst. So allow me to tell you, "Merry Christmas," and encourage you to share joy.

We welcome persons of all faiths and denominations to contribute to this section. Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

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Christmas in Beachcomberland

By Paula Hilton

Christmas is such a special time. Something about all the lights and blow-up snowmen just tickle my fancy. And for me, it's even more special because I live in beautiful Beachcomberland surrounded by family. My parents, my sister and her family, and my adult children and their families all live just minutes away. And because of that, Christmas in particular is full of family traditions that we simply can't do without. The Christmas Video is a great example of this.

It started back in the early '80s with the advent of the home video camera. Videocassettes cost \$25 each back then, and the new system we purchased and lugged from the West Coast to the East Coast for Christmas cost a whopping \$3,000. The thing was enormous, about the size of a Volkswagen, but we were thrilled to be able to Video Tape Our Every Movement.

That year I decided to write and film a video entitled *What Shall We Get Mom and Dad for Christmas?* which we decided we would film secretly and surprise them with on Christmas day.

The story was simple. My sister, her husband, my (then) husband and I would sit on the couch with the camera rolling as we discussed what we should get our parents for Christmas, suggesting impractical, outrageous gifts that represented our own interests and would be quickly dismissed.

All scenes were shot while my sister and I munched non-stop on various fattening and delicious holiday food while our svelte husbands looked on in disgust. Finally, at the end of the film, we cleverly turned the camera off, slipped a wrapped box into view, and then turned the camera back on, making it look like the box had magically appeared.

It was filmmaking at its finest, and comedy right on par with *Saturday Night Live*. And it was the start of a tradition. Every Christmas since, my parents wait eagerly for the "secret" Christmas video.

Our early attempts were pretty archaic, with mostly ridiculous stories, bad acting and tons of good intentions that somehow missed the mark. But as technology has evolved, so have our movies. Now I can take clips from family members anywhere and include them in the final project. I can grab them from social media, text messages, email or the cloud. I can add effects, voiceovers, music and still pictures, and edit to my heart's content, creating entertaining and unforgettable illusions.

And the beauty of living in Beachcomberland is we can shoot just about anywhere. We aren't confined to staying inside because of nasty, cold weather or a lack of suitable locations. Our area is bustling with beautiful and fun places to stage our scenes. We commandeered a miniature golf course one year. We filmed outside in a number of colorful shopping center parking lots. We've been in our front yards, back yards, streets, parks and beaches. One year, we filmed the entire thing on my sister's 40-foot pontoon.

And you want to talk about helpful, friendly people? We've had complete strangers offer to film so we can all be in the shot, stand in the background to give the illusion of a crowd, and help out with cat calls from the sidelines. The weather and accommodating residents in our area just can't be beat.

So, what's on the agenda for this year? It's going to be a reality show where all 20 family members trek across the Emerald Coast looking for the perfect gift for my parents. At the end, they figure out they had the perfect gift all along...

Each other, right here in Beachcomberland.

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If Trump cares about the country, he'll swallow his pride and choose Romney, who was an outspoken critic of Trump during the campaign. But that Trump ego is fragile, so he may dismiss concerns about the country and go with Giuliani, the unhinged toady.

Those three items are just a few of the things Trump doesn't want you to focus on, and that's why he took to Twitter on Sunday and tweeted a lie that would easily irritate people who think it's important to discern between truth and absurdity.

There is reason to be irritated—and maybe even terrified—by the soon-to-be president of

the most powerful country in the world sharing false information that draws the legitimacy of our electoral process into question. But, sadly, that's the least of our concerns.

It's just a fire lit to hypnotize us, set by an arsonist who knows how to burn a narrative to the ground.

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DECEMBER 11

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